



## RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

21 August 2020

Dear Families

We have enjoyed our first full week back at Sciennes. Your children have been just wonderful! It is great to see them so happy and enthusiastic.

Thank you for supporting our staggered start and finish times. This is working really well. I will put a reminder of our requests re physical distancing etc at the end of the Roundup along with a reminder of start and finish times. I know they take a lot of getting used to.

Your children have been busy working on their Class Charters, agreeing which Children's Rights are most important to them. These will be completed by early September. Please do talk to your children about them. We have tried to get the children outdoors as much as possible and the Meadows have been well used. Mrs Berry our PE Specialist has also spoken to children from P4-P7 about safety outdoors.

We have had two remote online Assemblies on Teams to date. Last week, I delivered a whole school Assembly on Lockdown and sharing experiences. This week we had two Assemblies ( P1-P3) and (P4-P7) and the focus was on Learner Participation. I explained to the children that we want to hear their ideas to help us improve our school. I tied this in at the Early Years Assembly by reading the book, "Five Little Fiends" by Sarah Dyer which is about sharing because we want children to share their ideas to make school better. At the Upper Assembly, children heard about the many different areas for leadership and participation. We have had a few technical issues in some classes but we are getting better at everyone being online together.

Mrs Barton delivered a high quality training session to our Early Years staff on improving writing with a focus on Talking. This complements our Foundations of Writing approach in the Early Years where the focus is on Drawing and Talking. Mrs Barton will also deliver some training to the rest of the school staff.

We were sorry to pass on the unexpected news that extra-curricular football had to be cancelled as of tomorrow. We know the children were so looking forward to it, as were the coaches. Hopefully everyone will be back playing soon. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to get this important aspect of Sciennes' life up and running.

At the moment we are also not allowed to have parent helpers in school. We miss your valued support in classes and again we hope to welcome you back at some point.

Thank you for all the second hand uniform donations. The sale will take place after school on Friday 28th August.

I want to thank you all again for adhering to our staggered times and supporting us. Here is a reminder of some actions that will further improve everyone's safety:

- Once you have dropped your child at school or picked them up, please can you leave the playground and move away from the school promptly (at P1, P2 Drop Off and P1-P5 Pick Up).
- The staggered start and finish times are helping but it can still get quite busy so please ensure physical distancing at 2m.
- You may wish to consider wearing a mask, though that is entirely a personal decision.
- Where possible, it would help reduce congestion if only one adult drops off and picks up.

Have a good weekend.

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SUMMARY OF STAGGERED START AND FINISH TIMES AT SCIENNES PRIMARY SCHOOL AUGUST 2020

**P1, P3 and P5 WEST WING**

**P2, P4, P6 and P7 EAST WING**

Year Group	Start Time	Mon – Thurs Finish Time	Friday Finish Time	ENTRANCE/EXIT
P1	9.00am	2.50pm	12.15pm	WEST DOOR (Sick Kids Hospital side) Parents wait in playground in West zone
<b>P2A, P2B</b>	9.00am	2.50pm	12.15pm	<b>EAST DOOR</b> (Main Entrance)
<b>P2C</b>	9.00am	2.50pm	12.15pm	Classroom Entrance/Exit from Playground
P3	<b>8.50am</b>	<b>3.20pm</b>	<b>12.05pm</b>	WEST DOOR
<b>P4</b>	<b>8.50am</b>	<b>3.20pm</b>	<b>12.05pm</b>	<b>EAST DOOR</b>
P5	8.40am	3.10pm	11.55am	WEST DOOR
<b>P6</b>	8.40am	3.10pm	11.55am	<b>EAST DOOR</b>
<b>P7</b>	8.40am	3.10pm	11.55am	<b>EAST DOOR</b>

**\*N.B. PUPILS SHOULD ONLY USE THE ENTRANCE/EXIT STIPULATED**

**DROP OFF** P1 pupils will continue to line up from 9.00am and all other pupils will be able to come into school directly without lining up BUT ONLY USING THEIR CORRECT ENTRANCE AT THEIR PARTICULAR ENTRY TIME. P1 and P2 Parents may enter the playground at Drop Off. Please then leave the playground promptly.

**PICK UP** P6 and P7 pupils may only be collected from **outside the school gates**. P1-P5 Parents, please **only enter the playground just before your designated pick up time**, ensure 2m distancing and then vacate the playground immediately you have collected your child to avoid congregating. If you have siblings who need collected at different times, please leave the playground, move away from the front of the school and return at the designated time. Thank you.

Please note that from Monday 31 August P1 and P2 children will finish at 3pm Monday to Thursday. They will still finish at 12.15pm on a Friday.