



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

12 March 2021

DIARY DATES

15 March P4-7 return to school
w/c 15 March Share a Smile Comic Relief Week
w/c 15 March UNCRC incorporated into Scots' Law
19 March Red Nose Day
23 and 25 March Parent Consultations
Thurs 1 April Term ends
Tues 20 April All resume

Dear Families

Return to school

Monday 15 March marks the long awaited day when P4-7 pupils return to school. Our main aim is to settle the children back into routines calmly and our focus remains on Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing. We will operate the same bubbles we had in place from August to December- class bubbles indoors and year group bubbles outdoors, with staggered breaks. The Council has invested in improved ventilation within the building and we will continue to keep windows and doors open, with additional cleaning of surfaces maintained and regular handwashing to make sure everyone stays safe.

Staggered Start and Finish

Staggered start and finish times are as before (P1/2/3 families please note changes from the past three weeks) and we have included these below. Again, thank you for your efforts in ensuring physical distancing at drop off and pick up. It is also good to see children arriving at school just before their start time and to see parents and children leaving the school grounds immediately after pick up. This is helping to avoid too much congestion especially on a Friday. Thank you for wearing masks too.

Celebration Assembly

Today saw the last remote Assembly and I really wanted to thank everyone for all their fantastic efforts working so hard on learning at home since January and celebrate the return of P4-7 on Monday. We also looked forward to celebrating the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child becoming part of Scots' Law next week. It is a special celebration for the Children's Parliament, too, which is 25 this year! This year they have focused on children's ideas for tackling climate change. The Assembly ended with their terrific video sharing young people's suggestions for taking forward Sustainability in Scotland. So much to celebrate and that was the theme for the P1-3 Assembly, broadcast live to classrooms this morning when I also read a story called "A House in the Woods" by Inga Moore.

P4-7 Assembly 12.3.21

<https://vimeo.com/522530471>

Comedy Fun

Our school comedy festival begins on 15 March to celebrate our whole school being back together again. We will tie this in with the Comic Relief theme of Share a Smile.

19 March Red Nose Day

We are not collecting money this year but there are many ways that you can opt to donate online to this cause. Children are welcome to wear red items to school on Friday if they wish, but we would like everyone to wear a smile!

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will again take place online on TEAMS on Tuesday 23 March and Thursday 25 March. The booking system opened last Friday at 12pm and will close on Wednesday 17 March at 12pm. Please can you log on to <https://parents-booking.co.uk/sciennes> and choose one consultation per family per child. For families who are unable to meet together or share information with each other, please can you email me directly at andrew.hunter@sciennes.edin.sch.uk Alternative arrangements will be facilitated. In this situation it would be helpful if the primary carer booked the appointment on either 23 or 25 March.

Please make sure you include the email address that you would like the meeting invitation to be sent to in the comments box of the booking. Also put the **mobile number** of the person who will be there on the night. If there is a problem with TEAMS, we will telephone you on that number to conduct the meeting.

Pupil Success

Congratulations to Bella Thompson in P7 for being selected as a Young Scot VIP. She is one of fifteen young people who will be promoting youth social action, encouraging children and young people from all backgrounds to take part in volunteering. Bella is by far the youngest member of the group. She is an outstanding Equalities Advisor and we know she will do really well in her new role. We are all very proud of her achievement.

Future School Session Dates Consultation

A reminder that the Council would like to gather your views on future school session dates for 2022/23 and beyond.

The survey about the timing of school holidays over the next three years should only take a few minutes to complete. Parents and staff groups across the city have contributed to the wording of the questions.

The link to the survey is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/schsd2022>

The survey is open until Thursday 1 April 2021. Your views are really important.

We are all really looking forward to our school being altogether on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend. I may attempt to cut my hair!

Andrew



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SUMMARY OF STAGGERED START AND FINISH TIMES AT SCIENNES PRIMARY SCHOOL 15 March 2021

Year Group	Start Time	Mon – Thurs Finish Time	Friday Finish Time	ENTRANCE/EXIT
P1	9.00am	3.00pm	12.10pm	WEST DOOR (Sick Kids Hospital side)
P2A, P2B	9.00am	3.00pm	12.10pm	EAST DOOR (Main Entrance)
P2C	9.00am	3.00pm	12.10pm	Classroom Entrance/Exit from Playground
P3	8.50am	3.20pm	12.05pm	WEST DOOR
P4	8.50am	3.20pm	12.05pm	EAST DOOR
P5	8.40am	3.10pm	11.55am	WEST DOOR
P6	8.40am	3.10pm	11.55am	EAST DOOR
P7	8.40am	3.10pm	11.55am	EAST DOOR

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

DROP OFF All pupils can come into school directly without lining up at their designated time. Please observe COVID regulations by wearing a mask and keeping 2m apart.

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.

