



## Weekly update

Friday 28th August

### Dedridge Primary School / Glenvue Nursery

<p><b>Message from Mr Todd / Mrs French</b></p>	<p>Hello to you all!</p> <p>It has been so lovely having all of your children back in school and we would like to thank you for all the messages of support that you have sent to us over the past few weeks. It is an honour to lead this school and the support from the wider community makes that job a whole lot easier.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Staffing</u></b></p> <p>Just when we thought that our staffing was all set, we have to change it again. Mr Price will be coming out of Primary 5 to resume another role in the school. This is a great opportunity for our school to further shape our curriculum as we have been asked to take part in a project that requires us to re-think our curriculum. We are very pleased to be asked and wish Mr Price well in his new role. He will remain in our school. Miss Sellar will resume the role of Primary 5 teacher from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. The children know Miss Sellar well and so we are sure this will be a smooth transition for them.</p> <p>We are also saying a goodbye to Mrs Steven. She is going to assume a role within the cluster for this school year where she is going to help develop digital technology. She will still be supporting our school as well but will not always be in our building. This is an amazing opportunity for her – as you know she has worked very hard on this in our school and thoroughly deserves this. She will be back with us at the start of the session.</p>

Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Keegan are splitting the support for learning role for this school year. We wish Mrs Steven all the best in her new role and look forward to welcoming her back next session!

We have welcomed new members of staff into our 'Dedridge family'. Miss Natalia Donnelly-Kay joins us in our resource and Mrs Carol Gall has also joined the resource team.

#### **Playground**

We are still having to operate the way one system in the playground and we do ask that you observe social distancing whilst on the premises. Not following these guidelines could result in us not being able to allow parents onto the school grounds which would be a shame and not what we want to do. Thank you to all of those who are supporting us by following these guidelines we really do appreciate it!

#### **Meet the teacher**

We are going to be offering 'Meet the teacher' via Skype business this session. You will be sent a date and time to log on as well as a join code. We regret that we cannot use TEAMS for this function as this is a security risk to the children. Details of the 'Meet the teacher' will be sent to you next week.

#### **Parents evenings**

We are very pleased to tell you that we have been asked to pilot 'virtual parents' evenings' this year. As of yet, we are unsure of the details for this and so a separate letter will be issued as soon as we are able. For those not able to access the internet, separate arrangements will be made.

#### **Survey**

Thank you to all of you for taking part in the survey. We have now spoken to nearly every family and the information we have


	<p>gathered will help us shape how we support you all going forward. This has been a steep learning curve for all of us but we hope to be able to further support all families through the challenging times ahead.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NHS guidelines</u></b></p> <p>We know that new guidance from NHS has caused some panic with you all. We are currently waiting for advice from West Lothian on this guidance and we will be in contact if something has changed. For now, please just follow the guidance we have and self-isolate / book a test for the following symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Persistent cough</li> <li>• Fever</li> <li>• Loss of smell or taste</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Dates</u></b></p> <p>Key dates will be sent out next week when we are able to confirm the dates of the virtual parents evening.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Assemblies</u></b></p> <p>We had such success with our virtual assemblies during lockdown that we are going to resume these in the school. Beginning from next week, we will have an assembly via TEAMS which every child will be able to access from their classroom. We are looking forward to this as an assembly is an important way to bring all of our children together and to enhance our school community.</p>
<b>Key contact details</b>	<p>If you are struggling to get online or access the work, please get in touch through the school email  <a href="mailto:wldedridge-ps@westlothian.org.uk">wldedridge-ps@westlothian.org.uk</a>  we will get back to you as soon as possible.</p> <p>You can also keep up to date by downloading our school App – we will eventually be moving away from Groupcall</p>

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	<p>and using this App only. We are hoping to do this at the end of May. Please try to download the App and encourage other members of the Dedridge / Glenvue community to do this also.</p> 
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