



### Weekly update

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

### Dedridge Primary School / Glenvue Nursery

<p><b>Message from Mr Todd / Mrs French</b></p>	<p>Good morning.</p> <p>I hope you are well. As some of you know, I have been unwell lately and need to have an operation. The date has finally come through for this and so I will be leaving school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September – initially for 6 weeks. There will be a plan to cover my absence which we will be able to share with you next week as this will be finalised on Monday. We will keep you informed.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Nursery news</u></p> <p><a href="https://sway.office.com/DV4tdboMyfb7wk4J?ref=Link">https://sway.office.com/DV4tdboMyfb7wk4J?ref=Link</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Playground</u></p> <p>Thank you to the majority of families who are following the one way system. However, unfortunately, we are still experiencing difficulties with some families not following the one way system. This is causing distress to families that are trying to follow these guidelines. Please follow this system especially at the end of the day otherwise we will be in the position where we have to shut our school gates and ask you all to wait outside the gate. We do not want to have to do this. Thanks.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Parents evenings</u></p> <p>Dates for parents evening are as follows:</p> <p><b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September – 5pm – 7.30pm</b>  <b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September – 3.30pm – 6pm</b></p> <p>For you, as parents, nothing has changed. You will log on to the parent booking system the same way as usual and book your slot. During the evening, you will log back on and press a 'join video' button and you will be connected to the class teacher. After 2 minutes a warning light will come up and</p>

the system (not the teacher) will cut off after 10 minutes. If you do not have access to the internet the class teacher will be in contact to arrange further arrangements.

The booking system will open on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September.**

#### **NHS guidelines**

Please just follow the guidance we have and self-isolate / book a test for the following symptoms:

- Persistent cough
- Fever
- Loss of smell or taste

You do not need to isolate for a runny nose or a sore throat. If your child is unwell you would keep them off school as usual and this would be recorded in the same way it always was.

#### **Assemblies**

What a lovely assembly we had this morning. All of the children received a special, hand-made gift to help them with their emotions. We have lots of photos to share with you and will put these into a sway.

#### **Rainbow visits**

Rainbow visits will begin again this week. These will be shared with parents on the weekly newsletter.

#### **Twitter / blog learning updates**


Class teacher will begin posting these on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September. These will be posted once a week after that.

#### **Council ethos survey**

Thank you to those of you that engaged in the council ethos survey for the school. We learn a lot from this process, both positively and negatively and use this to shape school improvement.

#### **You said . . . . .**

One of the things that you feel you are not involved in is school improvement. We do try to communicate and gather opinions through parent council, surveys and we hold (before COVID) 3 parent events a year. Unfortunately, these are not well attended and surveys are often not completed.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>We did . . . .</u></b></p> <p><b>So</b> – we put our thinking caps on and we have come up with a potential solution. We are going to have a question of the week which we are going to implement at the end of the day. This, hopefully, will help you feel a little more involved. Please don't run away from us if we come to ask you a question! Your input is vital to school improvement and we need you to make our school an even better place!! More information will follow about this idea!</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 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> <div data-bbox="919 1128 1082 1285" style="text-align: right;">The logo for the 'School App for Parents' is a green rounded square with the text 'School App for Parents' in white and yellow. 'School' and 'App for' are in white, while 'Parents' is in yellow.</div>