



HTs Update, 17.06.2020

Updated re Blended Learning Model and Groupings and Transition Week plans

★ Good afternoon all.

★ I hope you are well and are having a good day so far.

★ UPDATE RE MODEL OF BLENDED LEARNING - 33% capacity

★ Following the Parent Council meeting last night, I wanted to clarify that the model at 33% capacity is not intended to be a long-term arrangement.

★ We have been asked by Senior Managers to plan for the first four to five weeks using this model.

★ The plan is to then move to the 50% capacity model when the requirement for 2-metre physical distancing is amended.

★ As you are aware things are changing at quite a rapid pace, however I cannot give you a definitive answer as to when the model will change from the 33% capacity to the 50% capacity.

★ As a Head Teacher community across the city, we are awaiting a final decision following the statements from both Nicola Sturgeon and John Swinney with regards to the model put forward by the City of Edinburgh Council.

★ I will keep you updated as and when I receive the directives.

★ BLENDED LEARNING MODEL GROUPS (OR COHORTS)

★ The Senior Leadership Team are finalising the groupings for the blended learning model and will ensure that we share these groupings with you by the 24th of June.

★ As has been acknowledged, this is a complicated task with many considerations and I want to make sure I have thought through it very carefully before sharing with you, my parent community.

★ Please rest assured that we have consulted with your child's teacher, who have great oversight with regards to the children as individuals as well as the class as a whole.

★ TRANSITION WEEK, WEEK BEGINNING 22ND OF JUNE – Changes to feedback on Seesaw

★ With the last week approaching and everyone's energy levels waning, we want to make sure the children have a more relaxed week, much as we do when we are in school.

★ In addition to this, our teachers are working really hard to set up the school for August in preparation for the new session. This involves a mixture of planning learning for the final week, having transition meetings for new staff and new classes, organising their class rooms to align with the social distancing guidelines as well as taking part in staff training so they are ready for the introduction of TEAMS after the Summer holidays.



★ On top of this they have their own familial responsibilities and I am very aware of the need to look after their health and well-being as well as the of the children.

★ To that end, whilst there will be the usual Home Learning Grid uploaded to Seesaw on Monday, during the week the teachers and support staff will only be 'liking' posts.

★ We feel it is important to recognise the children's efforts, whilst ensuring the teachers have the time they need to prepare for the new session.

★ There will be transition related tasks so keep checking in on Seesaw as usual.

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★ This time continues to be one of constant change but I am really proud of how well we have managed to adapt as a school community.

★ We have been honest when things are challenging and celebrated when things have gone well.

★ We have enjoyed through provoking learning as well as had a lot of active fun!

★ I haven't said it explicitly for a while so as a reminder, I am extremely proud of how well the children have managed through these unprecedented times, thanks to the support of the staff and, of course, you.

★ What a team we make together!

★ We continue to be here for you should you need us. Please continue to contact us through the school admin account.

★ Take care, keep well and stay in touch.

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