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Dear Parent/Carer,

CLASS TEACHER LIST FOR SESSION 2020/21

This has been an extraordinary term. At the time of writing, plans for our return in August are still very much tentative ones as the Scottish Government and the City of Edinburgh Council issue schools with update after update. I'm sure this will continue over the summer holiday period too so please be aware that our plans may change again before children start back. Any updates will be sent to parents via email, our school Twitter and Facebook accounts and on our school website. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date email address and mobile phone number so you do not miss any of our communications.

You received a letter from Alistair Gaw last Friday stating that the model for return for all pupils would be 33% which would equate to one day in school per week plus a second day added every third week. However, there is understandable pressure from parents and carers to get back to a more normal school routine. The situation is very complex with issues around available staffing, space and money preventing the council being able to move immediately to a 50% in school model. Edinburgh Council chiefs have applied to the Scottish Government for additional funding to make this happen. We await to hear the outcome of this.

The class list sets out our staffing for next session. It is important to keep in mind that we do not yet know if school staff will have key worker status. Teachers and school staff are not currently regarded as keyworkers (unless working in a hub school). If they do not get key worker status, teachers with their own children and no alternative childcare will not be able to come to work. This may mean that your child's class teacher will be different for a period of time. However, the teachers listed here will ultimately be the ones who will teach the classes.

CLASS	TEACHER
Headteacher	Ms Craig
Acting Depute Headteacher	Mr Stuart
Principal Teacher	Mrs Moloney (Wed-Fri)
Support for Learning	Mrs Ciechanowicz (Tues-Friday)
SfL Maths (PEF)	Mrs Clarkson
P1a	Ms Reid
P1b	Ms Wilson
P2a	Mrs Kinnell (Mon-Weds)/ Ms Bruce (Thurs/Fri)
P2b	Ms Stewart
P3a	Ms Harris/(Mon-Thurs) Mr Stuart (Fri)
P3b	Ms Sunter
P4a	Ms Christensen
P4b	Mrs Fraser
P5a	Mr Mackenzie
P6a	Mrs Hind
P6b	Ms Scott Dickins
P7a	Ms Macdonald/ Mrs Moloney (Weds)
P7b	Mrs Watson (Mon-Weds) Mrs Moloney (Thursday/Friday)
Non-Class Contact Time Teachers	Mrs Slattery (Mon-Tues) Ms Bruce (Mon-Wed)

You will see a number of changes, including returning members of staff, Mrs Moloney, Mrs Watson and Mrs Ciechanowicz and a number of members of staff who will sadly be leaving us next week, Ms Spratt, Mrs Ho, Ms McConnell, Mr Dominguez, Ms Socia, Ms Downie and Mrs Williams. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service to the school and to wish them well in their next endeavours.

Mrs Brack and Mr Bichen will continue to support the school and the nursery with development work until Christmas. We are delighted that they can both continue the important work they started.

Parents of P4 children will see that we have been requested to combine the two small classes to make one, larger P5 class.

As per Scottish Government guidelines, our three small P1 classes must amalgamate into two larger P2 classes. Another letter sent to current P1 parents gives details about which children are in which class.

You may also be aware that the City of Edinburgh Council are the last council in Scotland to take teachers out of nursery settings. This means that Ms Reid will bring her knowledge of the Early



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Level curriculum and play-based learning into our Primary 1 classes. For now, Mr Bichen and Mr Stuart will continue to oversee the smooth running of the nursery, ably supported by Early Years Officers Ms Smith and Ms Hamilton and the rest of the Leith Primary Nursery Class team.

Unfortunately, we are not yet in a position to tell parents and children about the so-called 'bubble groups'. We will inform you by June 24th next week as Alistair Gaw's letter stated. I appreciate that many of you will be anxious to know about the days in which your children will attend school. Siblings will attend on the same day/s to make it easier for working parents. We regret that we are unable to accommodate requests for specific days or specific peer groups at this time.

School staff continue to work very hard to set classrooms up in accordance with new health and safety guidelines and our Health & Safety working group have been producing rigorous risk assessments to ensure pupil and staff safety for whatever the model of attendance is in August.

End of year summary reports will be sent out to everyone by email early next week. You will see that the report is slightly abridged from the usual format as teachers were not able to access records and pupils' work from school during the time of writing. We intend to hold parent-teacher meetings very early on next session to discuss where your child is in their learning, post lockdown and to plan what we can do to support them to make good progress. Hard copies of reports will be given to pupils on their return to school in August. Primary 7 pupils will receive hard copies next week, details to be given in an additional letter.

I'd like to thank you all once again for your patience, support and understanding during this unprecedented time and for the wonderful support of your child's learning in whatever way you have been able to.

I will be in touch next week with further information.

Kind regards

Fiona Craig

Headteacher