



## **Parent Communication WB 8th March 2021**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the last newsletter with some pupils still home- learning (hopefully!). If things continue as planned, we will be welcoming the rest of the school back on Monday 15th March. Full details regarding the return were sent out last Friday. If you did not receive the information, please contact the school office and they will forward the communication to you.

As we consider the full return of pupils, please see the information below for all families.

### **Vision Values and Aims**

Thank you to those of you who shared your thoughts regarding our Vision, Values and Aims. Along with parent feedback, the staff and SLT drafted an updated set of Vision, Values and Aims for Loirston School.

We hope that the updated version reflects our school and what we want our learners to be during these unprecedented times. You will find the draft details in the Google Form below. We would be grateful if you could please take a moment to share your thoughts on them.

<https://forms.gle/yRqgzaxs6KyYYhrW8>

Over the next few weeks, the children will be involved in developing them too.

### **Communication**

Last week staff sent home a request for Parents/ Carers to join the class Google Classroom. Once the children return to school, they will not be using Google Classroom as they were before, however teachers will be using it to communicate with families. Information that comes home through Google Classroom will be specific to your child's class.

**It is important to note that teachers will not be replying to emails that come in from Parents/ Carers this system is only for staff to send information out.**

Our teaching staff work endlessly at planning and preparing learning for the children in their care and we want to ensure that they still have ample time to do that. Quite often a simple query can be handled by our fantastic office staff rather than class teachers spending time replying to things.

If you wish to contact the school/ member of staff for any reason, please either email the school on [loirston@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:loirston@aberdeencity.gov.uk) or call the office on 01224 897686. The office staff will deal with your query and ensure that it is sent to the appropriate person.



### **Cove Community Challenge**

A huge WELL DONE to everyone that has taken part so far in the Cove Community Challenge. Over 3000km in total has been travelled between Loirston and Charleston schools! We are 3 weeks into our challenge and we hope to complete the 40000km in 80 days.

Any miles that you clock up can be added to our Strava group (you can find the club here <https://www.strava.com/clubs/covecommunitychallenge> ) or you can add them manually to our Google Form- <https://forms.gle/PRxDao7C4xUCHcTz7>.

Weekly updates on how far we have travelled can be found on the schools Twitter page @LoirstonPrimary.

### **World Book Day Assembly**

Well done to everyone who took part in World Book Day activities. We shared some of the fun at our Virtual Assembly last week, you can find it at the link below.

[World Book Day](#)

### **Learning**

As our learners return to school our main focus will be on Health and Wellbeing and assessing how they are all doing. The staff will then focus on assessing literacy and numeracy learning that was taught over lockdown.

These assessments will provide the information that the staff need to plan the children's next steps in learning for after Easter.

### **Dropping off and Picking Up**

We have made some changes to drop off and pick up procedures from 15th March. Please see the information that was sent out on Friday's Return to School Newsletter.

### **Playdale**

We would like to remind all of our families that the Playdale Equipment at the back of the school is still **closed to everyone**. Please support the school and help to keep everyone safe by leaving the school premises once you have collected your child. We really appreciate your help with this.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Take care and remain safe.

Miss Watt



Head Teacher