

Parent/Carer

Date

08 June 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

COVID-19 SCHOOL RE-OPENING – UPDATE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Following the recent Scottish Government update, we are working hard to plan for the re-opening of our special schools. As you will be aware, our planning for a safe re-opening will be guided by the most current Scottish Government guidance and will be in line with Health Protection Scotland advice in order to ensure that appropriate infection control measures are in place.

Below are several important updates regarding arrangements children and young people who are currently attending the special school hub schools over the coming weeks, along with information about planning for wider re-opening of schools in August.

Special School Hubs – St Crispin’s and Braidburn

All of the children currently attending the Special School Hubs at St Crispin’s and Braidburn will **return to their own schools** from **Monday 15th June**. If your child currently attends a Special School Hub, the Headteacher of your child’s school will contact you this week to confirm arrangements for this, including timings and transport arrangements.

Transition

We are pleased to be able to offer Transition Visits for incoming children and young people and/or their parents in the last week of the school term, from 22nd June. Transition visits will be in line with current social distancing arrangements and will be fully risk assessed before being carried out. The Headteacher of the school that your child will be going to will contact you with information about the transition visit for you child.

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School Re-opening – August

As you will know, all schools in Scotland will re-open from 11th August using a Blended Learning model. A survey has also been sent out to parents and carers on behalf of Parent Councils to gather information about your views on this. We are currently finalising our timetables for special schools and will share this information with parents as soon as possible. As you'll understand, there are lots of considerations that we need to factor into our planning. At the forefront of everything we do has to be the safety of our children, families and staff. Further information will be provided to you over the coming week.



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