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Dear Cornbank Families,

I hope you are all continuing to keep well, stay safe and have had a lovely weekend. This week, many of our staff are working from 8am - 4pm in the Mauricewood Hub supporting families from across our Penicuik Community. We also have a number of staff out delivering lunches within Cornbank throughout this week. This means that teachers may not be able to respond to queries in their Google Classroom straight away. Mr Drysdale and I are in the Hub on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. If you would like to speak to either of us then please email the school email address or phone the Hub on 0131 271 4630 and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

This week we are very excited to have launched our virtual sports week. Mrs Murphy and Miss Hopkirk have worked hard to put together a programme of activities to suit the whole family. Please check out our Twitter and your child's Google Classroom to find out more details. You can also view inspiring videos from our fantastic House Captains and even our staff team efforts (I had not realised just how talented some of our staff are 😊)

I am sure you are all aware of the recent announcement from our First Minister regarding the different phases of recovery. At this stage, our council are working extremely hard to ensure safe and supportive plans for all schools. I will continue to share all information with you and keep you informed with any plans regarding your child's return to the school building. I believe further guidance will be available later this week for parents with children in Midlothian Schools and Early Learning and Childcare centres. The Scottish Government understands that this will be an anxious and uncertain time for many people, including parents and carers. For that reason they have produced a Q&A document to support parents and carers at this time. This document covers some of the key questions that parents will have with regard to the safe reopening of schools and ELC settings. This information has been published on the Scottish Government's Parent Club website and can be accessed at - www.parentclub.scot/easing-restrictions-in-scotland





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This week, Mrs Cole will be making contact with families of children who currently have an IEP (Individual Educational Plan). This will be an opportunity to check in, discuss targets and offer support. I know Mrs Cole is looking forward to speak to you throughout the week.

I am very excited to be able to share with you that our Oyster Catchers' eggs have now hatched and we have 3 baby birds in our small courtyard. Please check our Twitter for a picture. I am sure they are appreciating all the peace and quiet this year!

Teachers have started to put together Class newsletters. These will be emailed home next week and will also be available on our Google Classrooms. Please remember to keep checking into your Google Classrooms and leaving comments or uploading work.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care
Laura Cameron

