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Dear Cornbank Families,

I hope this letter finds you all well. I don't think I can quite believe that we are in the middle of June already.

This week, most of our Cornbank staff team have been able to return to our school building following robust Risk Assessments. We are all working extremely hard preparing for welcoming our pupils back into the building. We truly cannot wait to see your children again! We are following all guidance provided by Scottish Government and Midlothian Council to ensure that our school is a safe place for our children and staff to be in. This has included a small number of changes to classrooms, facilities and the layout. We will ensure that this is fully explained and all children will be supported. We have always known what a fantastic place Cornbank is but we are also really fortunate with the layout and large class sizes. This is a huge benefit for ensuring physical distancing and making plans for August. If any 'handy' and creative person in our community is keen for a wee voluntary job over the summer then please get in touch. We are looking for some 'sanitising portable stations' for around the school. We would welcome any support with this.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate my thanks to all of our Cornbank families for your support over the last 3 months. We have appreciated your kind comments and positive feedback. We also fully appreciate your efforts in supporting your children with home learning. We know it has been challenging but please be proud of everything you have achieved!

I know children and families will be desperate to hear about staffing for next session. Normally, at this stage we would have confirmed all staffing and classes and then transitions would have begun. I am hoping to be able share more information about staffing later this week however I am sure you can understand that we are awaiting further guidance regarding staff who are currently self-isolating or shielding. I would also like to ensure that the plans have been fully confirmed prior to sharing; as it can be more unsettling for children if these plans change too often. I would like to take





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this opportunity to congratulate Miss Lauren Maxwell who has been offered a fixed term post at Bonnyrigg Primary School next session. We are very grateful for all Miss Maxwell's hard work at Cornbank and we wish her all the very best.

Primary 7 and our new Primary 1 transitions are continuing to take place just now. We are delighted so many of our new P1 families have joined our specific P1 Twitter page and are taking part in the transition activities. Last week, Primary 7 enjoyed different activities set by the High School including an opportunity to ask the staff questions. We are looking forward to welcoming our new P1 and current P7 pupils next week when they come for a short visit in small groups.

Some families have been in contact regarding school uniform for next session. We will continue to actively encourage the wearing of school uniform. Current guidance, as we move through the Covid route map, is school clothing will need to be washed daily. We do not want anyone to find this difficult, or to be put under any financial pressure, so it is not an issue if full uniform is not able to be worn every day. If you have placed orders through ParentPay then the uniform is being delivered to a staff member's house and then hand delivered to you. Please do not come to the school to collect this.

Within this email I have attached an updated letter from Fiona Robertson, Executive Director of Education, which gives further details about the plans for blended learning in August. Your child's offer of days in school are being worked on and all primary schools have received guidance about how to allocate these. All schools have been asked to share this information for August 2020 at the same time before the end of term.

Something I have always been very proud of at our school is our open-door approach with Cornbank families and community. Unfortunately, at this point, we have very clear guidance that we are not allowed to have any visitors, including parents, in the building. This is to keep your children and staff safe. We aim to continue to have our positive communications through phone calls and emails and we look forward to when we can all be back properly together.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care

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