



Head Teacher
Mrs Laura Cameron

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Dear Cornbank Families,

I hope you are all keeping well and managing to establish a bit of a routine that is working for you.

This week, we have a number of teaching and support staff working in the Mauricewood Hub. This is to support children from across Penicuik and Beeslack locality who have Key Worker parents and have no alternative childcare options. Our teachers have still continued to plan learning for their Google Classrooms. However, teachers may not be available to respond to queries or provide feedback if they are based in the Hub. If you have any concerns that are unable to wait please email the school email address and one of us will do our best to help you.

As we head into week 5 of learning at home (week 7 of 'lockdown') I fully appreciate that for some children and families that it is getting even tougher. We are all missing friends, family members, routines and social interactions; things that we have possibly taken for granted in the past. The novelty of home learning may have worn off for some and this is when things can become more frustrating and upsetting. If there is anything we can support you with; maybe a wee chat with your child, support with the technology/learning tasks or even just for us to be a listening ear, then please do not hesitate to message us. Midlothian Educational Psychology Service is also offering a weekly telephone help line, for parents/carers and professionals to discuss any concerns about a child or young person's learning, social, emotional and behavioural needs. I have attached further details.

There are many different rumours and speculation in the media about possible return to school dates. At this stage, we have no further information or even indication when this may take place. We will absolutely ensure that we communicate any information with you as soon as we know. We look forward to when we can all be together again safely.

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who participated in our online survey. This is a very different Pupil and Parent Conference than our usual one but we are determined to continue to look forward and make ongoing improvements to our school. Thank you also for your kind comments, we are very proud of our Cornbank pupils, families and staff. If you have not had an opportunity to engage in the survey please have a look in your child's Google Classroom. The survey closes tomorrow evening.

Friday 8th May is a bank holiday and was moved from 4th May in order to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. Staff have planned some VE related activities for Thursday 7th May which we hope you all enjoy.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and I send my best wishes to you and your families.

Take care

Laura Cameron

