



# Braidburn School

## Communication with families during establishment closures

Update 2

April 2020

*Everyone working together to help us learn, feel safe, make choices, show our feelings and be the best we can be.*



Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you and your family are safe and well during these uncertain times, and that you were able to enjoy the Easter holiday period.

It has now been four weeks since our school closed, other than to children of key workers and our most vulnerable learners; and as you will know it was announced on Thursday 16 April that schools will remain closed for at least another three weeks.

Our team at Braidburn are committed to developing and sharing the best possible learning experiences for all our children and young people, always bearing in mind the reality of the situation in which we are all currently living and being particularly mindful of the many additional challenges faced by our Braidburn families. These are difficult times and we do not want to add to the stress of the situation.

No one knows when things will return to normal. We miss seeing our children and young people in school, but as a staff team we will continue to develop our remote delivery of learning and teaching during the period of school closure. I am delighted to share that Lesley Liddle (DHT Primary) and Becky Wallace (DHT Secondary) will take on the role of leading home learning at Braidburn whilst our school building is closed.

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Alongside our ongoing commitment to supporting aspects of the curriculum, where we can, we will have a focus this term on support for all our children and young people as they make the move on to their next stage of their learning. As part of this we will focus on arrangements for children making transitions into our Nursery and Primary departments; and we will plan for our youngsters moving into Secondary next session. We will, of course, continue our multi-agency approach to planning for our young people who are moving on to post school destinations in June.

Our IEP targets have been completed, and we will be sharing these with parents and carers over the next few days via email.

The reassuring rhythm of the school year that would usually promote a sense of belonging and community for us all has been interrupted this session. We do, however, have a strong school community at Braidburn – something that is never more important than at times such as this. Our staff team are communicating in a planned and structured way with each other, and we will continue to connect regularly with all our families over the coming weeks - through phone calls and emails; Twitter updates and the class learning pages on our website. We do encourage you to keep in touch if there is anything we can do to support.

Keep safe and well

Warm wishes

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## Useful links and phone numbers

For further information on the coronavirus outbreak; how to prevent the spread and what to do if you suspect you or a family member may have the virus, please follow advice at

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>

Braidburn admin email address:

[Admin@Braidburn.edin.sch.uk](mailto:Admin@Braidburn.edin.sch.uk)

Braidburn School website

<https://braidburnedinburgh.com/>

Braidburn Twitter page:

<https://twitter.com/BraidburnSchool>

If your child is known to Psychological Services and you have a concern, please call **0131 469 2800**

If you have a child protection concern, please contact Social Care Direct: [cf.socialcaredirect@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:cf.socialcaredirect@edinburgh.gov.uk)