

**MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING
AUCHENBLAE PARENT COUNCIL
23rd June 2020**

Attendance;-

*Mirjam Currie (Chair)	Lynn Fish (Head)
* Kate Russon (Secretary)	*Zoe Archer
*Alyson Tulloch (Treasurer)	*Charlene Cheesman
Kevin Gaffney	Suzanne Craik
*Kirsty Clarke	Angela Horsfall
Amy Whittet	*Leanne Sutherland
Kate Rudman	Susan Whitby
Laura Tierney	*Katy Slessor
Cat Cowie	Claire Taylor
Kate Matthews	Natalie Christie
Peter Hutson	Marina Stewart

* - Indicates member of Parent Council

Apologies;-

* Lorna Eastaugh	
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Item	Description	Action
2	Welcome from Chair	
3	<p>Head's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th – Inservice days. • Depute First Minister Announcement today for school, there was no pre-advice, everyone heard at the same time today. Still to find out about impact on Nursery. • P7 Plans – changed, there are to be no children in the building in June/July, which affects the new P1 transition also. • Contingency Plans will remain in place and the guidance remains the same – those not shielding, self-isolating or showing any symptoms should not be in school. • Learning Estates – currently there are five classes, using the Gym hall and portacabin, there is potential that the Church/Church Hall could be used on occasion. • Transport survey – arrangements will be using 'bubbles', a lot of work will be going into this over the holidays and parents will be given information when available. • No parents will be allowed to congregate in the playground at all – the one-way system will be in operation and no parents will be allowed beside Nursery. • One-way systems in school and playground. • Hand washing/sanitizing will be done regularly in school, no PPE is required by children, but that is at parent's discretion. Staff will be fully kitted with PPE for certain scenarios like First Aid and when helping younger children. • Classes – made up from transport, sibling groupings then individual children P1 – 14, P2/3 – 22, P3/4 – 24, P5/6 – 18 & P6/7 -18. • Teachers – may change when school fully opens again. • Start and finish times will be staggered, parents will receive more details of this later in the week, a letter will be sent to the whole cluster. • Blended Learning will now be the contingency plan and in school the focus will be on Literacy, Numeracy and HWB. • If paper is sent home from school it is not to be brought back into school, instead photographed and put onto Seesaw. The work will then be marked on Seesaw. • Own area in class for belongings, which will be kept with them all day - no cloakrooms. • Children's trays & storing work – no pencil cases or personal toys. • Guidance on marking jotters to come out. • Jotters, reading books, library books – 72 hrs rule, school planned a 7 day rule. • Uniform and outdoor clothing – the Council have stated that some sort of uniform should be worn such as a school jumper and then trousers/shorts/joggers/leggings etc... Suitable for outdoors. One pair of shoes or wellies if it is wet. A jumper 	

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	<p>exchange will be arranged by the PC and there will potentially be a uniform order later in the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolation room will be the HT's office. • Lunches – catering arrangements – hot meals will be available, to be eaten in the classroom. Packed lunches should be self-contained and again will be eaten in the classroom. • Break/lunch rota – shorter lunch to allow for staggered start and finish • Bubbles/structure play at lunch/break to help with social distancing • Toilets – cubicles are fine and sinks allow for social distancing. • Water fountains will be available for filling up of water bottles, not for drinking from. • Laurencekirk Hub moving to Portlethen from Monday – places highly restricted. • Staff childcare Hub in school if needed. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p>Questions</p> <p>KRud asked about the announcement as she hadn't seen the news, LF explained about the announcement made by John Swinney that all children would be back in school full time in August. LF also explained about the Learning Grids which children had been using on Seesaw and about the 2+2 model proposed by the council, 2 days for one group, a day of deep cleaning and then a new group of children to come in for the remaining two days.</p> <p>KM asked about Additional Support Needs when the schools return, LF explained that only one support teacher would be allowed to work within one bubble and an eye had to be kept on the numbers of there was a bubble of 9, including a teacher and a support teacher, might cause issues. KM asked what the catch-up plan was, LF replied that it depends on whether children go back full time or part time. But Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing are the areas of the curriculum which will be concentrated on in the Recovery Plan. Class teachers will be likely to change between now and August, parents will be informed when appropriate.</p> <p>MC asked if we would still get information about the new term by the end of the week. LF replied that yes, the information will be sent out, but this is the contingency plan and teachers might still change. MC asked about the uniform swap, LF replied she is waiting for guidance and it's possible that as children arrive in a staggered timetable to collect belongings, they could collect jumpers at the same time.</p> <p>ZA asked about cleaning within the school, LF answered cleaners had been in school for the last two weeks and will be in every day in the new term. ZA also asked if the return to school was compulsory. If parents opt out, will support be given? LF replied that guidance on this will be given by the government.</p> <p>Lunch cover would be provided by PSA's in the playground to enable staff to have lunch, but teachers will be in the classroom with their class when they are eating lunch.</p> <p>KS asked about Nursery – still awaiting guidance, the announcement today will cause a delay on some things being released – for example, Nursery might now be able to reinstate 11-40 hours.</p> <p>MC stated that she will look into the insurance renewal.</p> <p>LF stated that whatever guidance comes out from school on Friday 3rd July will be the position in August.</p> <p>AH asked how we'll receive communication about the new term, LF replied that an email will be sent out by the end of the week and arrangements will either be for a full time return or 50/50 as discussed previously.</p> <p>LF finished by saying that she understands that the lack of information is difficult and we're all in the same boat – parents, teachers and council.</p>	

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5	Date of next meeting Parent Social arranged for Thursday 23 rd July at 7.30pm.	
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