

Parent Council Zoom Meeting 'Chat' - 180620

School Recovery

From A to Everyone: 07:01 PM

Good evening everyone
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From LS to Everyone: 07:01 PM

Good evening, my first high school parent council meeting!

From FH to Everyone: 07:01 PM

Welcome Lea

From Campbell Hornell to Everyone: 07:02 PM

Welcome everyone, particularly those at their first meeting

From LS to Everyone: 07:02 PM

Thank you Fiona

From GY to Everyone: 07:02 PM

Now 60.

From A to Everyone: 07:10 PM

Great stuff!
Can the PC share the link

From FH to Everyone: 07:10 PM

lhs200club@gmail.com if anyone has any questions about 200 Club

From GY to Everyone: 07:11 PM

Link to 200 Club Application Form: <https://forms.gle/3s3vzxjzxnEdoC2LA>

Also available from the LHS Parent Council Facebook page.

From L to Everyone: 07:18 PM

Justine can you mute please

From GY to Everyone: 07:20 PM

Ruth: Will this presentation be shared, or should people take notes?

From FH to Everyone: 07:21 PM

Campbell said he would put it on the website!

From Lynsey Struthers to Everyone: 07:21 PM

I'm sure Campbell will make this available via the website - following this meeting.

From GY to Everyone: 07:32 PM

Suggestion: Perhaps parents might benefit from a sample student timetable, helping parents understand how '% time in school' works with Mon-Thurs attendance and 'Big Blocks'.

From L to Everyone: 07:34 PM

Thanks Graeme. Any questions on the presentation please list below

From Alison Mitchell to Everyone: 07:34 PM

Absolutely, Graeme. Campbell will cover guidance regarding sharing this shortly.

From A to Everyone: 07:34 PM

Good shout Graeme

From GY to Everyone: 07:35 PM

Thanks Alison.

From CW to Everyone: 07:35 PM

One of the S2 maths teachers recorded a video of them working through a problem and a social studies teacher recorded herself talking through a set of slides. Much better and more effective than simply publishing slides. There has to be much more of this.

From LS to Everyone: 07:35 PM

This May get covered in a later slide but what is plan for cleaning/sanitising between blocks coming in (if any)?

From HT to Everyone: 07:35 PM

Will cleaning take place between blocks and would the blocks be rotated or would they have the same slot each day?

From L to Everyone: 07:35 PM

great questions

From LS to Everyone: 07:36 PM

great minds Helen! ·

From HT to Everyone: 07:36 PM

Yes!

From GY to Everyone: 07:36 PM

I agree Colin, the S2 Maths is a fantastic best-in-class example.

From Lynsey Struthers to Everyone: 07:36 PM

Yes - cleaning will take place between blocks, another reason for taking in smaller numbers is to ensure we set up these routines effectively.

From Alison Mitchell to Everyone: 07:36 PM

Lesley - cleaning regimes have been carefully considered and we have built in time between sessions to allow for cleaning of spaces.

From MS to Everyone: 07:38 PM

Agree Colin, Mr McKenzie (Nat 5 maths) also does excellent video explanations - it doesn't need to be a "live" lesson necessarily, videos also help visual learners hugely

From M's iPhone to Everyone: 07:39 PM

Video style lessons would also be most welcomed from language subjects

From CW to Everyone: 07:39 PM

it was Mr Sands and Miss Nicholson i believe - excellent

From Neil Chisholm to Everyone: 07:40 PM

Colin et al, thanks for the identification of the positive of the video/screencastify use. This is something that we have been sharing with staff through training workshop sessions to try to make this practice more widespread. This is also going to feature heavily in our in-service training in August.

From DT to Everyone: 07:40 PM

Can I ask why you are bringing all the children in each day which will increase any risk of transmission of the infection, instead of having 50% Mon/Tue and 50% Wed/Thu or mixing the days? This would also make childcare easier for parents as they would only require childcare cover for 2 days instead of requiring it for 4 days.

From SG to Everyone: 07:40 PM

When will we get the final timetable as for families with more than 1 child might need to plan if all have different groups? And just to clarify each child will be at school every day in one of the blocks Monday to Thursday and Friday ... is it just for advanced higher students...?

From AP to Everyone: 07:40 PM

As a parent of a new S1 pupil coming from Rosewell how do I get information about travel as this is one area I have not received any information at all?

From Lynsey Struthers to Everyone: 07:41 PM

Campbell will cover when we'll be able to provide detailed information in one of the coming questions

From CW to Everyone: 07:45 PM

I'm really surprised to hear that we have teachers who lack the confidence to deliver learning online - what training do they need?

From Lynsey Struthers to Everyone: 07:47 PM

With regard to bringing them in everyday, we feel that this provides routine for our young people and also contact daily to support them. When in school, students will remain with the same group of students for their block - the only exception will be in S3. If we had them in for full days we would need to have more 'movement', this is one thing we're keen to avoid - to minimise various groups getting together throughout the day.

From SC to Everyone: 07:47 PM

Can any of the sports centre be used for classrooms?

From KK to Everyone: 07:47 PM

Regarding the uniform policy, what are students expected to wear on return if full uniform is not required? thanks

From Lynsey Struthers to Everyone: 07:47 PM

Yes - we will utilise community spaces

From Neil Chisholm to Everyone: 07:48 PM

Experience of using emerging technologies is increasing confidence all the time. With a wide variety of this experience amongst the staff we are looking to build this best practice across more faculties and working with teams and individuals as necessary.

From Lynsey Struthers to Everyone: 07:48 PM

Students should dress sensibly for school - but wear clean clothing each day. If they have PE they should come in wearing their kit.

From Neil Chisholm to Everyone: 07:49 PM

As above from Lynsey regarding uniform, but also students should come prepared to be outside when possible throughout the day.

From L to Everyone: 07:50 PM

Will questions and answers be collated and distributed after the meeting?

From L to Everyone: 07:51 PM

Yes Lorraine

From L to Everyone: 07:51 PM

That's great - thank you

From L to Everyone: 07:51 PM

Ruth please can you note questions and answers

From CL to Everyone: 07:52 PM

Would be good to see an example timetable for week 3 onwards

From L to Everyone: 07:53 PM

Yes Charlie that's next question I will ask

From Alison Mitchell to Everyone: 07:53 PM

Re questions about sharing information around when young people were in, hopefully you caught this in the PPT, but see below for timeline:

From SG to Everyone: 07:54 PM

Lyndsey when you say they will be with same kids on all blocks except S3 what do you mean? What is different between S3 and S4 for example?

From Alison Mitchell to Everyone: 07:54 PM

Midlothian Council have asked all of their schools to share more detailed information on the 'offer' to students no earlier than Wednesday 24th June. However, our aim is to share detailed information before Friday 26th June.

From KS to Everyone: 07:54 PM

old St Mary's building? If they move into new build will it be available?

From L to Everyone: 07:55 PM

I agree with the feedback around Maths - my son has just moved into s3 and the maths teaching videos and worksheets have been excellent with an end of week test, which is then marked and feedback received. English also has been excellent with good feedback. Feedback is really important for the students to gain an idea of how they grow during this time out of school and no face to face contact.

From Caroline Brown to Everyone: 07:55 PM

St Mary's are due to move at the start of August, so this could be investigated. Thanks for your suggestion.

From FH to Everyone: 07:56 PM

What about the 2 churches on the doorstep would they be of any use?

From TM to Everyone: 07:56 PM

I agree, much more likely to get students to engage if they are getting regular feedback and more engagement with their teachers.

From Alison Mitchell to Everyone: 07:56 PM

Lee - absolutely agree and thank you for the positive feedback which we will share. The blended learning will enhance opportunities for effective feedback too when young people are able to be face to face with their teachers.

From N to Everyone: 07:58 PM

I agree with the above comments. My daughter has just started S3 & the school staff have been excellent during this challenging time, presentations and feedback from the maths department

From DA to Everyone: 07:59 PM

Will this lead to sharing classes across the world. Perhaps enhancing the Confusious plan.

From: unknown

I think the weekly call just touch basing to see how my son was getting on was very much appreciated and the lady who called me was Shona Thomson was always lovely and all of your staff are doing a great job in challenging times and providing her whether he was engaged or not with work on elearning

From TM to Everyone: 08:01 PM

Yes this has been a real plus..well done again to all concerned

From M's iPhone to Everyone: 08:01 PM

I would agree Leigh- an outstanding response from the whole team at LHS

From Suzanne Yule to Everyone: 08:01 PM

Thank you for the feedback around our weekly communication. It has been a huge logistical challenge to contact all young people weekly but one we have embraced. Our student support team have gone over and above on this one!!

From CL to Everyone: 08:02 PM

what's the plan for lunch and break ?

From LE to Everyone: 08:02 PM

Will the e-learning be extended to include ASN pupils in the Pod as this is not something we have had, or will it be assumed that the majority of their learning time will be in school? Thanks

From MM to Everyone: 08:03 PM

Yes I totally agree on this, we have really appreciated the weekly call as well as the feedback on my sons work etc. The staff have been amazing.

From L to Everyone: 08:03 PM

Yes the weekly call from student support also much appreciated - lovely lady with American accent? called us every week, just so nice to have someone touching base and making sure we had no issues IT wise etc - so appreciated!

From WB to Everyone: 08:03 PM

Just want to say i feel reassured that the school are working a hard behind the scenes to ensure the kids get best possible education at such a crazy time. my daughter has just gone into 3rd year and i feel the feed back from the teachers after work has been assigned is great. Praise, support & encouragement...Well done LHS staff .

From Suzanne Yule to Everyone: 08:03 PM

The Pod is having an alternative two day model. Information around this will be shared next week.

From Neil Chisholm to Everyone: 08:04 PM

Dianne, certainly we will want to build on the connections we have across the world and share learning experiences. Thanks for the thought.

From LE to Everyone: 08:05 PM

Thanks Suzanne. Will there be e-learning for them on the other days?

From Steve Clark to Everyone: 08:06 PM

If a child or staff is showing symptoms will they be sent home and asked to self-isolate for a period?

From Alison Mitchell to Everyone: 08:06 PM

Kirsty - yes, Neil is preparing some updated info that will be shared

From Neil Chisholm to Everyone: 08:06 PM

Yes Kirsty, this will come out in our communications via the website soon.

From LS to Everyone: 08:06 PM

Just to echo others. well done on support so far and all your planning. an amazing effort!

From Suzanne Yule to Everyone: 08:06 PM

The Pod team are working on this at the moment. A combination of paper-based and e-learning based approaches will be used depending on the needs of individual young people.

From DA to Everyone: 08:06 PM

Have you asked Costco for cleaning stuff

From GY to Everyone: 08:08 PM

@Dianne. No, i haven't, if Ruth thinks this is useful, i'm happy to reach out to them.

From L to Everyone: 08:08 PM

Is there a reason the school have gone with smart casual dress code rather than uniform without ties and blazers?

From SM to Everyone: 08:09 PM

thank you for taking the time to do this meeting tonight it is very much appreciated and helps to clarify the situation. I appreciate the difficulties you all face at this time

From DT to Everyone: 08:09 PM

Will children be expected to bring their own school supplies as normal e.g pens, pencils and schoolbags?

From L to Everyone: 08:09 PM

we would really appreciate your feedback on this format of PC meeting going forward! Has it been useful? is zoom the way forward? we look forward to your views,

From DA to Everyone: 08:09 PM

Would a tent do for a sick child

From WB to Everyone: 08:09 PM

Yes Zoom is the way forward

From Lynsey Struthers to Everyone: 08:10 PM

To support daily washing, and also because we will not use PE changing rooms.
yes - students should bring their own materials

From AF to Everyone: 08:10 PM

Yes, zoom going forward

From GM to Everyone: 08:10 PM

yes, zoom works for this

From L to Everyone: 08:10 PM

Zoom meeting been great and I think allows more people to join and ask questionswould love to see this format more often

From JG to Everyone: 08:10 PM

The communication has been excellent and I've really appreciated the phone calls.

From LS to Everyone: 08:10 PM

zoom definitely works

From LG to Everyone: 08:10 PM

The communication and direct support from school has been fantastic and very well appreciated. Also thank you for tonight's very informative Zoom meeting thanks to all involved.

From M's iPhone to Everyone: 08:11 PM

zoom has been very helpful although connection flow at times have meant some of the info from school staff has been missed/difficult too ok hear.

From S's iPhone to Everyone: 08:11 PM

definitely zoom is a great way for the parents meeting much easier way to reach a lot of parents at once

From DT to Everyone: 08:11 PM

Have the school considered temperature testing prior to lessons each day?

From GY to Everyone: 08:11 PM

@Lor: There is a more detailed reply above, but its related to the required laundry frequency. The Parent Council will also be donating a free school tie to all S1's.

From Neil Chisholm to Everyone: 08:11 PM

Thank you from all staff for the very positive feedback. Your ongoing support is really appreciated.

From DT to Everyone: 08:12 PM

Using Zoom has made this meeting much more accessible for people. Using this going forward would be great. Thanks

From LS to Everyone: 08:12 PM

Zoom meeting works

From TM to Everyone: 08:12 PM

Zoom works well. Can't thank this staff team enough for their amazing work.

From L to Everyone: 08:12 PM

Thanks Graeme - school clothes wash too?

From Alison Mitchell to Everyone: 08:13 PM

Dahrlene: the SG guidance is clear that this is not necessary.

From NC to Everyone: 08:13 PM

first meeting attended but if zoom an option going forward it would definitely help with logistics of being able to attend more. Echo comments re weekly check ins these were really helpful along with regular website and text updates. thank you LHS team - great job - enjoy your summer break!

From KS to Everyone: 08:13 PM

Communication has been brilliant, well done .

From T to Everyone: 08:13 PM

Thank you everyone.

From AP to Everyone: 08:13 PM

S1 transition work was a great introduction for the P7 moving to lasswade thank you to all involved

From Caroline Brown to Everyone: 08:13 PM

Free School Meals bacs payments will continue for families rather than returning issuing school lunches or vouchers. National guidance has shown that this is best practice for students and families. This approach also supports food/building hygiene.

From M's iPhone to Everyone: 08:13 PM

huge thanks to everyone-

From LS to Everyone: 08:13 PM

Thank you

From N to Everyone: 08:13 PM

Can't thank Lasswade High School Staff enough. Amazing work. Well done !!

From RH to Everyone: 08:13 PM

Thanks to all staff at LHS. Enjoy your well earned Summer break !

From MS to Everyone: 08:14 PM

thank you

From Lynsey Struthers to Everyone: 08:14 PM

Whilst school clothes wash, not all of our families have several items to cycle. This is support as many families as possible - wearing a uniform without tie and blazer would be suitable

From Galaxy A70 to Everyone: 08:14 PM

thanks everyone

From GR to Everyone: 08:14 PM

agree positive clear communication with all the work you are doing and on this Zoom meeting.
Thank you for all hard work LSH

From K's iPad to Everyone: 08:14 PM

zoom works very well, thank you to the whole LHS team.

From SG to Everyone: 08:14 PM

Well done to all your work! Keep it up

From JG to Everyone: 08:14 PM

Thanks to all the staff for their tireless efforts. Much appreciated. Thanks for the meeting.