

Lauriston School

14th January 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

We are two weeks into the term already and I am delighted to see the levels of engagement from our children working at home and those in school, as well as the continued development of the online provision across the three schools. I have seen first-hand the daily reflections, revisions and amendments to what is being offered, as well as the discussions with the school professionals about their future plans. Across each school, we have received really useful positive and constructive feedback about what it is like for children learning at home, and how parents and carers are supporting them.

There continues to be some challenges with those children not able to access online learning or where multiple devices are needed in larger families; these children then miss out on the face to face, video and live sessions which presents further inequality. These are being addressed but we are mindful of the differences in the quality of learning. That said, I have observed some magnificent things taking place!

My week has been very productive. There are a number of immediate things which I have been working on in terms of the federation finances. As well as beginning to understand the teaching and learning strategies within the schools and children's centers, I have also begun meeting individual members of staff, thinking about the development of our school websites, the promotion of the schools so we see an increase in admissions, as well as my vision for the federation. Alongside this of course, is supporting the Heads of Schools and Senior Leadership Teams with the daily challenges of working within a pandemic. I am making lots of lists and talking to lots of people, but am mindful that my role has just begun!

I have met more children and parents in the last week, but would like to invite you to join me for a **virtual coffee morning** for each school. The purpose of this is simply to introduce myself to you and give you an insight into my plans for the future. It is important to me to be visible and transparent about where we are going, but it is also valuable to have input from Governors, staff, parents and of course the children – our most important stakeholders! Whilst I am not expecting these to be Q&A sessions, there will be an opportunity for you to contribute to the sessions at the end.

Put these dates into your diaries. Each meeting will be at **9:45**. I will send out Google Meet links nearer the time:

Tuesday 2nd February	Daubeney
Wednesday 3rd February	Lauriston
Thursday 4th February	Sebright

Also, a reminder that if you haven't followed the federation twitter account, please do so @DauSebLauExecHT

Have a great weekend when it arrives and continue to stay safe and well.



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