

16th December 2020

Dear families

Following what has been a tough year for all of us, I am hoping there is light at the end of the tunnel and I am writing with some information which might be the start of that light.

We have found in recent guidance, that we are able to hold support group coffee mornings in school as long as we maintain social distancing and keep the groups to a maximum of 15 in total which would have to include 2 staff members. I am therefore writing to ask if you would be interested in attending. We would like to organise the groups in lower school and upper school sessions and places would be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If more than 13 people are interested from each department we will, of course, hold more sessions. There will be staff in attendance but this is really about getting families together to support each other. We plan to hold the first sessions, every day over a week from week commencing 25th January. More details will follow during the first week of term.

At this time we would also like to introduce you to the Dysart Champions. As you may be aware, for many years now there has been a parents/carers and friends association known as FODS (Friends of Dysart School). More recently, and through our work towards the Wellbeing Award for Schools, the Parent, Student and Staff Hubs were created. Moving forward, and following a meeting with a small group of parents, we feel it is important to bring these groups together under one 'umbrella' which will be known as the Dysart Champions.

The four key groups will cover the following:-

1. Family and Student Wellbeing
2. Staff Wellbeing
3. Events, incorporating fund raising
4. Promotion

The role of the Dysart Champions would be to work as a team to support the wellbeing of families – including carers, students and staff known as the 'Dysart Community'.

Its aims would be to:

- Support the Dysart Community in all aspects of wellbeing
- To publicise the school to its immediate and wider community on all it has to offer
- To arrange and promote a wide range of events, both free and paid for, to enable Dysart School to provide additional items, training and fun events for all, which would support the Dysart Community as a whole.

There are no special skills required but a keen interest to get involved plus those listed below, would be ideal:-

- Enthusiasm
- To work as part of a Team
- To work alone or in in small groups when needed
- To offer creative skills – both practically and IT based
- To be able to offer some time, usually during the school day
- To come up with ideas and help see them through as a team

I would be grateful if you would return the reply slip below expressing your interest in the group support sessions and also if you would like more information on the Dysart Champions.

Thanks you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leigh Edser".

Leigh Edser
Principal

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Dysart Champions and Support Group Coffee Sessions

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

I would be interested in knowing more about Dysart Champions.

Yes No

I would be interested in attending a support group coffee morning.

Yes No

My preferred time is:

Morning Afternoon

Name: _____ Date: _____

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