On 29/04/2016 16:06, Jason Rust wrote:

Dear All

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Members' Briefing 521: Update on PPP1 Schools 29 April 2016

Three schools affected by the recent closures are to reopen next month once full remediation work has been completed.

The Edinburgh Schools Partnership (ESP), who manage and operate the schools on behalf of the Council, has updated officers on their estimated completion dates for remediation works:

- Pupils will return to Oxgangs Primary, St Peter's Primary and Braidburn School by Tuesday 24 May(Monday is a holiday).
- · Firrhill High School due to fully reopen by Monday 6 June
- S1 and S2 pupils from Firrhill will meantime return to their own school, from Edinburgh Napier University's Craiglockhart Campus, on Tuesday 3 May when senior year pupils go on exam leave
- Two further schools, Royal High and Drummond Community High, are expected to reopen fully by Monday 20 June
- Broomhouse Primary and St Joseph's Primary schools expected to reopen by Monday 27 June.

This means that over 4,000 pupils will be back in their schools before the end of the summer term.

The Council is working closely with ESP on the programme which gives indicative dates for schools to reopen; these are reasonable assumptions based on the programme of works. If it is possible to bring forward these dates then the Council and ESP will do this and parents will be updated as soon as possible.

Edinburgh Schools Partnership has confirmed that the remediation works required on the remaining nine schools will see them all reopen by Monday 8 August at the latest, ahead of the pupils returning from holiday on Wednesday 17 August.

Goodtrees Community Centre is expected to reopen on Monday 15 August.

In the interim, alternative arrangements will remain in place with Council officers continuing to monitor and make adjustments as required. Buses for Craigmount pupils will arrive at an earlier time next week so the school day can be extended.

The full remediation programme is subject to the Council receiving satisfactory quality assurances from Edinburgh Schools Partnership, and contractors carrying out remedial works on their behalf, and the Council receiving appropriate safety assurances and checks this work

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is of the required standard to ensure the safety of children.

The Council has stipulated that a number of stringent measures must be met before the schools can reopen and these will be made available to parents via the <u>Council website</u>.

Head teachers will continue to keep parents of pupils at their schools updated regularly on current arrangements and any changes that are made.

Details will also be published on the <u>Council</u> <u>website(www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schoolclosures)</u> and via the Council Twitter @Edinburgh_CC.

Regards Jason

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