

Broomhill Primary School

News – 2020

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www.broomhill.aberdeen.sch.uk



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We're currently in our 6th week of lockdown and week 4 of online learning. Everyone is doing an amazing job! Our staff have really embraced this method of providing learning activities for our pupils and you as parents/carers have been able to support your children to engage with us through this virtual platform. Several of our staff have also been volunteering in the various Education Hubs set up across the city, providing care for the children of key workers, on top of managing their Google Classrooms.

The current situation we find ourselves in is by no means easy for anyone and I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to be kind to themselves. Every family has its own set of individual circumstances to deal with at the moment and please be assured that you're all doing a tremendous job! Speaking from first-hand experience, it's not easy juggling home learning with work commitments whilst trying to remain positive and upbeat for the young people in our homes. Each household is different and we're all managing this in different ways. Some days will be easier than others and children will manage different aspects of learning on different days and there will be days when it's really not worth the struggle! Please don't worry if there are days like these – we've certainly had them in the Reid household!

That said, it's important that we are able to see that you've checked in with us throughout the week, even if it's just a comment within the Google Classroom to say "hi" or an email to say that you're engaging when you can. Aberdeen City Council have asked us to ensure that we make regular contact with pupils and if we can't see any engagement, however small, over a few days then we need to follow this up. I completely understand if you're not able to complete the activities set, but please if you can, every other day just check in with us in some way. This will prevent us having to make a phone call/Groupcall or follow up through ACC. We really don't want to add pressure to the situation and a short message, comment really helps us to know that everyone is well. Wellbeing is the priority now for everyone.

You can continue to communicate with school through the school email address:

broomhill@aberdeencity.gov.uk This email account is monitored throughout the day. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible. You can also communicate with your child's teacher through the Google Classroom Gmail accounts. These accounts receive a high volume of mail due to alerts when pupils complete activities so from time to time emails may get lost, so if you don't hear back, please forward your question/query to broomhill@aberdeencity.gov.uk and we'll ensure the class teacher responds as soon as they can.



Twitter is proving to be a great method of keeping connected and I encourage you all to sign up, if you haven't already done so @SchoolBroomhill. You can share photographs this way too, but please remember not to share the names of your children in your post.

P7 Trip to Dalguise

We continue to work with ACC and Insurers regarding our scheduled P7 trip to Dalguise and will keep you all updated as and when we receive information. You'll appreciate that across the city there are a large number of both international and domestic trips which have had to be dealt with and prioritised, but Mrs Friel is working hard on this on your behalf.

Reporting

You were due to receive your child's annual report at the end of term 3. Given the circumstances we were faced with, these were delayed. We are hoping that these will be with you very soon and we await further instruction from ACC regarding secure methods of issue.

Primary 1 Offers

Offers of places have now been sent out to parents/carers. If you have been refused a place at this stage, your child will be placed on our waiting list and offered a place as soon as one becomes available. Mrs Mutch is currently working on plans for a different transition process this year and will be in touch with everyone soon.

S1 Transition

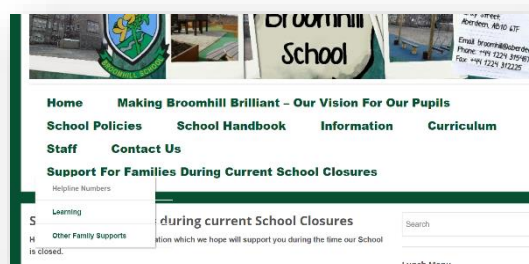
Regular meetings are also happening with secondary staff to plan a different transition process for our P7 pupils transitioning to S1. Again, please be assured that work is taking place behind the scenes and information will be sent home as soon as possible.

Early Learning and Childcare

Aberdeen City Council is currently reviewing all of the applications for ELC places in order to identify the best way forward. Work on our planned building at Broomhill and other capital projects across the city has had to pause and this will need to be factored into plans. We appreciate your patience at this time but please be assured that we will advise you of plans and of ELC placements for 2020-21 as soon as possible.

Website: www.broomhill.aberdeen.sch.uk

We now have a designated section in our Website: *Support for parents/carers during school closures.* This area of the website is being updated regularly with information and links to support for families. Please access this regularly for information updates.



Our virtual school will be closed next week on

Thursday 7th May (In Service) and Friday 8th May (May Day Holiday/VE Day) so staff won't be posting learning activities during this time. Please take this time to enjoy a long weekend and do something fun with you families where you can safely.

Hang in there everyone! Stay at home – Stay safe – Protect our NHS