

11th September 2020 – Weekly Update



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our 4th Friday update. Another busy Broomhill week has passed in a blur! There's a section at the end of this letter a little like a FAQs section where I'll continue to leave reminders about things that crop up often.

School Football

School football teams are naturally keen to get started and I have received a number of enquiries regarding the status of training. The following statement has been issued today by Aberdeen City Council:

School Football

The full time return to school buildings was subject to appropriate mitigations being in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The risk assessment process and national guidance has helped staff teams put in place a range of measures to support a safe return for children, young people and staff. Strict adherence to these measures has been essential to ensure our schools are safe places to work and learn.

The Scottish Government announced that, as of 24th August, participation in outdoor sport is now permitted and schools are now receiving enquiries about school football resuming.

In response to the coronavirus outbreak a decision was taken in March to suspend the hire / letting of indoor and outdoor spaces on Council premises, including schools. No bookings for any new lets are currently being taken. Until lets are reinstated, Aberdeen City schools are regrettably unable to support school football teams.

We fully recognise the benefits of physical activity and sport and understand that this will be disappointing. The current guidance for sporting activities differs from the guidance for schools and we will continue to review this position on an ongoing basis.

School Calendar

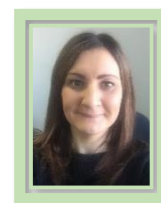
At this time, all of our school events are 'pencilled' into the annual calendar as we really have to take things three weeks at a time as the National Guidance is updated. However, our holidays and In-Service Days are set so here are a few dates for your calendars at home:

Friday 25 th September	School Closed – September Holiday
Monday 28 th September	School Closed – September Holiday
Monday 28 th – 4 th October	Maths Week Scotland
Friday 9 th October	Term Ends
Monday 26 th October	Term 2 begins
Friday 20 th November	School Closed – In Service



Mrs Leslie returns

We're looking forward to welcoming Mrs Leslie back to the team when she returns to school on the 23rd of September following her maternity leave. Mrs Leslie will resume line management responsibility for P4-7.



Home Lunches

From Monday 14th September, it is now possible for children to come home for lunch if they wish with the following mitigations in place:

- Pupils must remain offsite for the whole of lunch break
- Pupils should only eat at home (not café/restaurant)

- Pupils must return to school through their agreed entrance, lining up with their class at their allocated time. Hands must be sanitised on entry as is current practice.
- Any pupil going home for lunch must inform their class teacher in the morning.
- Pupils will leave for lunch through their allocated door and must be met by parents at the Gray Street Gate. Parents will not be permitted to enter the playground at this time.

“Our Class” Videos

Usually at this time of year we would be preparing to welcome you into School for our Open Afternoon. Instead, the classes are preparing a video/montage for you to see at the end of term. You'll be able to see what we're up to in school and that things really aren't so different. We'll send further details about how you can access these as they near completion.

Class Newsletters

Next week, our class teachers will send home a newsletter with information about learning in the class and timetables etc. Please look out for these. In the meantime, remember to follow us @SchoolBroomhill on Twitter to catch a glimpse of what's happening across our school.

Annual Data Check

Everyone should have received an email regarding the Annual Data Check, please respond to this as soon as possible, even if there are no changes to the data we hold for your child. Thank you.

Parent Council

We had a good turnout of parents/carers at our Parent Council AGM on Tuesday evening and the minutes of the meeting will accompany this update along with our Parent Council constitution.



Community Policing

We've been in contact with community police officers this week regarding concerns passed to us about the behaviour of young people in our school grounds at weekends. Police will be checking on the area, however if you witness unsafe or anti-social behaviour, please contact Police Scotland on 101.

Safety in the lane

Please remember that the lane at the rear of the school is a public road and is also the main access to the school car park for deliveries and staff cars. This term we have re-opened the lane gate to ease congestion and support physical distancing, but we are increasingly concerned at the number of children and adults spread across the road. Please take care here and encourage the pupils to walk on the pavement at all times.

Protect Scotland

Something we can all do right now to protect Scotland is to download and register on the new Test & Protect app. You can find out more information here and download it from <https://www.protect.scot/>

Please share with your friends and family.

With the increase in infections and the new restrictions in mind, it is critical that we continue to follow the guidance laid out in the Scottish Government FACTS campaign:

- **F** - Face coverings in enclosed spaces – shops, public transport or anywhere else inside that physical distancing might be more difficult.
- **A** - Avoid all crowded places. Indoors, obviously, but outdoors as well.
- **C** - Clean your hands and hard surfaces regularly.
- **T** - Two metre distancing remains the overall advice.

- and **S** - Self isolate, and book a test, if you have any of the symptoms of COVID.

Mrs D Reid

Head Teacher



Frequently Asked Questions/Topics

Hand Hygiene

Increasingly, bottles of soap are arriving in school from home. Unless your child has a specific medical condition due to an allergy of a specific ingredient which requires a prescriptive soap/sanitiser, pupils should continue to use the soap/sanitiser provided in school.

Hand Sanitiser Ingredients: 75% alcohol, purified water, glycerin, carbomer, triethanolamine, DMDM Hydantoin, Vitamin E, Aloe Barbadensis Leaf Extract.

Hand Soap Ingredients are: Water, Sodium Laureth Sulfate, Cocamidopropyl Betaine, PEG-200 Hydrogenated Glyceryl Palmate, PEG-7 Glyceryl Cocoate, Sodium Chloride, Fragrance, Benzyl Alcohol, Methylchloroisothiazolinone, Methylisothiazolinone, Triethylene Glycol, Propylene Glycol, Magnesium Chloride, Magnesium Nitrate, Citric Acid, Red 33 (CI17200)

Prescribed sanitiser or soap must always be able to be carried with the pupil so that hands can be washed in other areas of the school when outside of the classroom.

Link to School Meal Menu:

- [School Meal Menu](#)

At this time, local guidance states that primary children should be staying in school for lunch. We are not permitting home lunches currently. (This is a change to information in our Return to School Plan)

If your child develops symptoms

Additional information has been sent home from our Chief Office of Education which clarifies the procedures regarding anyone who displays symptoms of COVID 19. Please read and retain this information.

Scottish Government have updated the Quarantine rules and information for residents and visitors entering Scotland. If you are returning from another country your family may be required to quarantine for 14 days before returning to school. Please check updated guidance at: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-public-health-checks-at-borders/pages/overview/>

As per our Risk Assessment, if any child develops possible symptoms of COVID 19 they will be taken to an isolation space in school and you will be contacted to come and take them home as soon as possible. Your household should then self-isolate and book a test for those displaying symptoms. Please ensure that we have updated contact information and that emergency contacts are available. Please keep the school updated on progress with testing.