

18th September 2020 – Weekly Update



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to another brief Friday update. Class newsletters/learning leaflets have also been sent home today and these include an overview of learning for the term, in your child's class. Please get back to us if you have any questions.

As the cases of COVID 19 increase across the country it continues to be extremely important for everyone to observe the rules and follow the guidance in place to support the wellbeing of our school community. Please remember to maintain a 2m distance in the playground and around our school grounds. Any increased incidence of the COVID 19 virus in our local community could lead to localised restrictions or lockdowns. School staff are working extremely hard ensuring that we are following the guidance for schools and we do not want to have to take a step backwards and increase restrictions further.

Head Teachers are meeting twice weekly with representatives from Public Health and this is an extremely valuable collaboration where NHS professionals can share any updates and reminders. As expected, the "rule of 6" has been a topic for discussion this week and we have been asked to reinforce this with our School Community. Group gatherings are only allowed to a maximum of **six people from two households** in both indoor and outdoor settings. Whilst children under 12 from within the two households do not count in the limit of six people, we must all remember that no more than two households of children should be together. This means that birthday parties and social gatherings of children from more than two households cannot take place outside of school. Further information and detail on exemptions is accessible here: <https://www.gov.scot/news/maximum-gathering-set-at-six-people-from-two-households/>

House Captains

Our election process has been slightly different this year and I would like to commend our House Captain candidates for their efforts and creativity. As always, our pupils have aimed high and come out on top and I'm delighted to announce that the following pupils have been duly elected as House Captains for Drum, Fraser, Craigievar and Crathes.

Drum	Fraser	Craigievar	Crathes
Erin Scaife Ruby Baxter	Sandy Bain Sophie Beaton	Willow Hyland Morgan Tokely	Emma Barker Rhys Scott

The House Captains received their badges today. We're looking forward to hearing more of the great ideas they have for House activities.

Annual Data Check



Thank you to everyone for returning the Annual Data Check update. It's vitally important that we have up to date contact information for everyone along with emergency contacts too. Should a positive COVID 19 test be reported at school then we will be working alongside Test and Protect to ensure that all close contacts are informed and up to date information will ensure that this can happen as efficiently as possible.

A message from the Parent Council/PTA

At Broomhill Primary each class have a volunteer Parent/Carer Class Rep.

The main role of the class rep is to communicate parent council business and activities. Most reps do this through a Facebook group or WhatsApp. These groups are also good ways of getting to know and keep in touch with other parents of children in same year group.

	Reps	Facebook group
Nursery	TBC	
P1	TBC	Broomhill P1
P2	Claire Russell Mellissa Harrison	Broomhill P2
P3	Andi Paterson Alannah Rennie	Broomhill P3
P4	Jen Ingram	Broomhill P4
P5	Ruth Cowie Karen Baxter	Broomhill P5
P6	Martha Richardson	Broomhill P6
P7	Karen Baxter Rachael Price Ruth Cowie	Broomhill P7

If you are a Nursery or P1 parent/ carer and would like to become class rep or if you are unable to contact your class rep through the Facebook group please get in touch: pcbroomhill@aberdeen.npfs.org.uk and we will help.

Please remember the role of the class rep is not to raise issues with the school on behalf of parents – you should continue to follow school guidance on this and, in the first instance, contact your class teacher.

A message from Karen Baxter – Fundraising Co-ordinator

Fundraising for our school is one of the most important activities we undertake as a Parent Council, with our Spring and Christmas Fairs providing the majority of the funds we raise annually. We have already missed the Spring Fair this year, and sadly we won't be able to hold a Christmas Fair either. So we are now thinking outside the box.....

Our first virtual fundraiser will be an eco-friendly online balloon race. This is a national race, but each balloon sold using our link will earn us £2.40. Not only will all funds raised go toward supporting our school, but this event will also be great fun. You can track your balloon and even run a mini competition within your own house. You could also encourage neighbours, friends and family to take part. The launch is 31st of October. Good luck everyone! Click on the link below to buy your balloons:

Freedomtofly

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/655>



Please stay safe everyone and have a lovely weekend. We'll see you all next week for a shorter 4-day week due to the September Holiday Weekend.

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, trithanolamine, 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](#)

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.

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.



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