

4th September 2020 – Weekly Update



Dear Parents/Carers

So here we are in September already and at the end of our third week back in school full time. Things are moving well in school and we're now talking more and more about learning and teaching and not so much about procedures and systems which is an encouraging step forward in our new way of working.

This week we had our first assembly broadcast to the classes and awarded our Pupil of the Week Certificates for pupils who were "Never Giving Up". Next week we're looking for pupils who are "Always aiming high!"

We talked to our Primary 7 pupils at assembly about House Captain applications. This year we've asked our candidates to prepare a short video (no longer than 2 minutes) presenting the reasons why they feel they would make a good House Captain. This can be done at home or in school. The videos will then be shown in class and pupils and staff will vote for the candidates in their House, they feel is best for the job. For families who are new to our school, our Houses are:

Crathes

Fraser

Drum

Craigievar

Throughout the year pupils collect House Points for activities and learning and this usually culminates in our Sports Day in June when the winning House is decided.

Parent Council Annual General Meeting

The PC AGM will be held on Tuesday 8th September at 7pm. This will be an online meeting and all parents are welcome to attend. If you would like to find out more about the Parent Council or are interested in attending the meeting, please contact the Parent Council via email and they will send you the link.

pcbroomhill@aberdeen.npfs.org.uk

Lunchtime

Our systems are going really well at lunchtime and initial concerns about a shorter time seem to have disappeared. Fifteen minutes is really helping to focus the children and we have observed that many children are actually eating more than they would have done before. The vast majority of the children are managing the timetable really well and anyone who finds it difficult is supported by staff who are on hand to assist. Our Primary 1's have obviously been practising carrying a tray at home and this is really helping. There are still some children who are coming to school with boxes or items that they can sometimes struggle to open themselves so if you can, please practise this at home too. I'd also like to remind parents that children coming to the dinner hall should be having a school lunch OR a packed lunch and cannot have a selection of both. At this current time, all items brought from home are to be taken home, including waste I'm afraid.

- Please discuss the menu with your child at home: [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)

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.

Entry and Exit to school – another reminder



Our staggered entry and exit to school will continue indefinitely and is working well. The staggered entry and exit allows for all classes to reach their room quickly and efficiently without creating any mixing of groups or bottle necks. Some of our older pupils are beginning to arrive in the playground a little bit early, please where possible stick as close to timings as you can to minimise the risk of ‘bubble mixing’. Pupils should not be accessing the playground until 8.50am if possible. Please maintain a 2m distance between adults when waiting to collect your child at the end of the day. A lack of distancing can make pupils and other adults anxious about coming to our school.

If your child develops symptoms

Additional information has been sent home last week 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.

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