

## 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – Weekly Update



Dear Parents/Carers

I'm sure, like us you're all looking forward to enjoying the long weekend and will hopefully be able to take the opportunity to spend some quality time at home with immediate family, or perhaps if the weather is favourable, spend time outdoors. I know that the staff here are all looking forward to a couple of days off as everyone has been working exceptionally hard. I must commend our Broomhill staff team for their incredible efforts over this term as they have supported the children back into school and into a new way of learning and teaching. Things continue to be a little different but it's definitely now feeling more normal. Our pupils continue to follow and understand our guidance and are doing so well, we're all very, very proud of them.

I know that lunchtime arrangements were causing some parents/carers some anxiety, but please be reassured that the children are really into the swing of things and are completely familiar with the new procedure and system and it's all running very smoothly. Children are always given the opportunity to finish lunch and almost all of the pupils are able to do this within the time frame – some now ask 'how much longer before we can go?'

It looks very like this new way of working will continue for some time and we continue to adjust our ways of working in line with local and national guidance.

Again, I make no apology for reminding everyone to adhere to 2m distancing in the playground and around our school grounds. This is vitally important in ensuring that should a positive test be detected in our school community that we are able to support Public Health to quickly identify any close contacts and ensure that as few people as possible are asked to self-isolate. We are all working really hard to follow the guidance and ensure things are as COVID safe as possible and would hate to have to put further restrictions in place in school. I'd like to thank everyone for working alongside us and supporting the decisions we have to make to keep our school community safe.

Please follow the updated National Guidance issued this week. Can I remind parents that children should not be meeting others households indoors but thankfully they can still play outside with friends.

### Appointments out of school

From Tuesday, if your child has an appointment out of school and they are then returning to school later in the day, we ask that they return to school in a change of clothes. This is a recommendation that will be consistent across all schools in Aberdeen City.



### Playground Safety

Can I also ask that parents/carers please refrain from lifting children over the fence at the end of the school day or from encouraging them to climb on the gates. If children are permitted or encouraged to do this by parents, it can make life difficult for us during playtimes and lunchtimes. The fence is there to keep our children safe and secure during outdoor sessions and we do not want to encourage any climbing over at any time. I thank you for your support with this.

### Change of clothes for younger pupils



Can I remind parents/carers to provide their child with a change of clothes (in their school bag) – just in case! We have issued all of our spare items and from Tuesday will be unable to provide

clothing for children until these stocks are replenished, and would need to call you to come and collect your child in the event of a change being required.

### Staggered Entry

A reminder that our staggered entry in the morning is designed to prevent class bubbles from mixing. At the moment some of the children are arriving in school a little too early. We understand that where siblings have to come to school at different times this can be tricky. However, where P7 pupils are coming to school by themselves, please encourage them to arrive just before their 9.10am entry.

### Fundraising

*Remember to support our online balloon race if you can. <https://ecoracing.co/user/page/655>*



Please stay safe everyone and have a lovely long 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 <sup>th</sup> September	School Closed – September Holiday
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	School Closed – September Holiday
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Maths Week Scotland
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Term Ends
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Term 2 begins
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	School Closed – In Service