

2nd October 2020 – Weekly Update



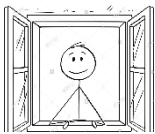
Dear Parents/Carers

Another week comes to a close at Broomhill and we're now very much looking forward to our October holidays on the 9th of October. I can't quite believe that we're now into October and don't really know where this term has gone!

As we continue to find a way through this Global Pandemic I know that many are frustrated and tired of the restrictions in place but we *must* continue to follow the guidance in order to ensure that our schools can remain open and our pupils and staff can come to school each day. As cases continue to increase across the country, we are constantly monitoring and reviewing our systems and procedures and will continue to adapt as we need to. I thank you all for working with us and accepting the changes. Please, please continue to observe 2m distancing in the playground. This has been a concern for some children and for some parents. Additional signage has been posted to remind everyone to remain 2m distant from others in the playground. The 2-household rule applies in the playground too for adults. We all know what we should be doing, and I don't want to have to 'police' the adults in the playground. There is an obligation on us to continue to remind and encourage everyone to follow the rules and to do the right thing.



Ventilation



The weather has been more autumnal this week and the temperature has been dropping. As you will be aware, adequate ventilation in classrooms is important in slowing down transmission of COVID 19 and our windows are open in school throughout the day. Our school is generally a cozy place to be but there will be days when it will undoubtedly be colder.

Please ensure that your child has a warm jumper or an extra layer to wear should it become colder in the classroom. Layers are best as they can be added or removed, as necessary.

Staggered Entry – another reminder

Our staggered entry in the morning is designed to prevent class bubbles from mixing. At the moment some of the children are still arriving in school too early and there is potential for bubble mixing over the recommended 15 minutes. We understand that where siblings must come to school at different times this can be tricky. However, where older pupils are coming to school by themselves, please encourage them to arrive just before their entry time. If a positive COVID case is confirmed at school, unnecessary mixing of bubbles may result in other individuals/classes having to isolate for 14 days.

Keeping up to date

Please ensure that you check your emails regularly for our weekly updates and general information from school. Email and Groupcall are our main routes for communication and alerts, and it is vitally important that parents/carers are keeping up to date with information sent home from school. Our twitter page @SchoolBroomhill provides a quick snapshot of learning across our school and will also remind you if something has been emailed home. Newsletters and weekly updates are also posted on our school website <https://broomhill.aberdeen.sch.uk/about/school-newsletters/>

A fun community activity from our Parent Council

Over the next few weeks, please look out for these posters displayed in local shop/business windows. Collect the letters from each poster and unscramble them to form a special Broomhill word/phrase. It's free, it's local and it's fun!



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Our Parent Council have signed us up for the Spree Books again this year. It is now digital and all you need to do is purchase the app to download, click on our school and Spree will donate £5.00 to our Fundraising account.

Class Videos



Our classes have been working hard to produce videos to share what they've been learning this term. We will post these videos on our Google Classrooms next week. Please look out for them!

Parents Evenings

As discussed at our Parent Council AGM and communicated to parents in our Minutes, we are currently working on a solution for our Parents Evenings that works for our School Community. It is still the plan that we hold our Parents Evenings in early November, as we usually do, and further communication will come to you separately in the coming weeks regarding arrangements.

Our frequently asked topic section can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Please stay safe everyone and have a lovely 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 Barbadosensis 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.

Please remember not to approach our teaching staff in the playground regarding any matters. Communication must come through our school office at this time. If you wish to speak with a member of staff, please call the office and we can easily arrange a time for a telephone meeting.



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