



New Playground Arrangements

As you know, our new building work is due to start next week. I've included at the end of this update, communications from the Early Years Expansion Team regarding this exciting project.

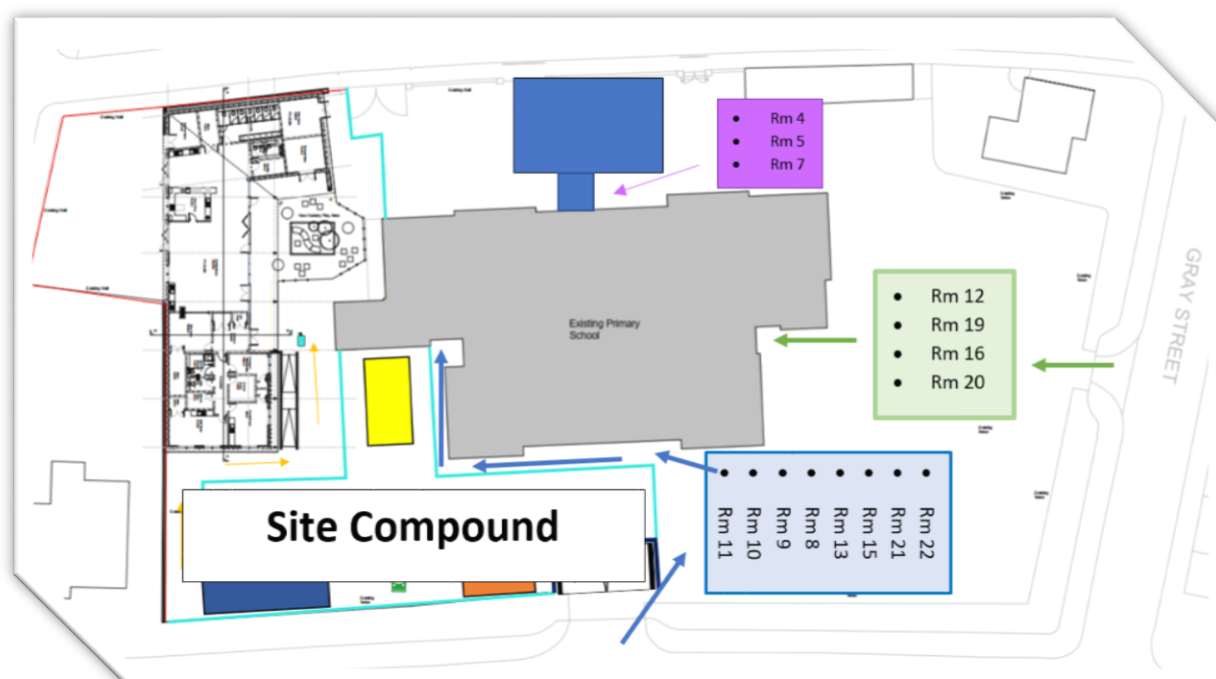
Over the weekend, the site compound will begin to be constructed and next week, demolition of the wildlife garden and shelter area will commence.

This will of course have an impact on our playground space, and we've made some changes to our current systems to ensure that we continue to maintain class bubbles whilst still giving pupils space to play. Instead of 5 zones in the playground, we will now have 3 zones and an additional playtime slot. Our Primary 7s will have the privilege and responsibility of having their playtime in the Woodies area, supervised by Mrs Powell, Miss Wallace and a PSA. Please ensure that P7s come to school equipped to be in the grassed area for their break. This arrangement will be reviewed over the next few weeks and amended, as necessary.

We will still have access to the Broomhill Road gate next week, so it will remain open for entry in the morning. Children will still go into the school building via their designated entrance but will line up in a slightly different position. The plan below details this. As always, staff will be on hand on Monday morning to direct the pupils. Please continue, where possible to encourage pupils to access the playground via the gate nearest to their designated building entrance. Staff will use discretion in allowing access from other gates should the pavements be overly busy.

The Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club will still be accessible from the playground, at the usual dining room door. A pathway through will be in place (although not detailed on this plan). Children going to afterschool club will be met by a worker in the playground.

These plans will help us to continue to make the most of the space that we have but we would also like to remind parents that only one adult should be coming to school to collect a child wherever possible. Whilst we would never turn parents away who are coming to accompany children home, we would encourage you to discuss with older children, the possibility of walking home by themselves or meeting you on the route home, if this is appropriate. All these steps will help to ensure that our playground is not busy with adults and that everyone is able to maintain a 2m physical distance.



Room 9 Cover

Miss Murray will be teaching in Room 9 next week and will therefore be unable to meet with her Support Groups. We have plans in place should longer term cover be required, but we'd like to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers of pupils in Room 9 for their patience and understanding whilst Mrs Smith is absent. The Support for Learning email address will be inaccessible so rather than contacting Miss Murray directly, any parents with SFL enquiries should contact the school email address until further notice. broomhill@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Friday Food Bank

A huge thanks to everyone who dropped off donations this morning for our Friday Food Bank. Karen's car was loaded full of items to donate to CFINE who were once again delighted with these very generous donations.



Outdoor Learning

Our outdoor learning continues this term and classes will continue to be timetabled for time in the Woodies and in the local community. Please, as the weather gets colder, ensure that your child comes to school prepared to be outside. Our Parent Council are developing a system for recycling outdoor clothes and will be in touch with more details soon.

Early Learning and Childcare Expansion:

Broomhill School Nursery

Dear Parent,

As part of Aberdeen City Council's Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Expansion Capital programme, we are investing in our learning estate and building a new nursery for Broomhill school nursery. The provision of 1140 hours necessitates changes to some of our current nursery environments to ensure they are fit for purpose to deliver additional hours. The new facility will create a high-quality learning environment for eligible 2-year olds and all 3 and 4-year old children as we transition towards delivering up to 1140 hours of ELC.

The Aberdeen City Council ELC Expansion programme seeks to ensure that provision is well placed locally for families to access and for children to receive the benefits of ELC. Research has highlighted that ELC has a positive impact on a child's development in terms educational outcomes as well as creativity, risk taking, health and wellbeing.

The new facility will enhance learning opportunities and support family learning. The situation of the new nursery will enable outdoor learning and facilitate free flow. The benefits of outdoor learning are well documented. Outdoor play promotes health and neurological development helping children make sense of the world, explore their environment and manage emotions. The new nursery will also include a family room, flexible staff space, dining area, kitchen, cloakroom area and a secure outdoor area.

The week commencing 16th November 2020 the contractor is on site for general site set up works. The works have been planned with the safety and wellbeing of the school in mind and should not impact on the education provision elsewhere in the building. The build is due to be complete in the Summer 2021.

Regular communications will be circulated to update the school community on the project's progress. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact elcexpansion@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Kind regards,

[ELC Expansion team.](#)

Please keep following the National Guidance, Aberdeen City is currently in Tier 2 and the restrictions can be found on the Scottish Government website here: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/pages/protection-level-2/>

Please remember that school will be closed next Friday (20th November) for In Service Day. 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 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.

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. In the event of a positive covid case in school we will work closely with Public Health colleagues to identify close contacts who may be required to self-isolate if the 2m distancing rule has been breached.

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.



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.



Monday 26 th October	Term 2 begins
Friday 20 th November	School Closed – In Service
Friday 18 th December	Term Ends for Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 5 th January	Term 3 begins