



30th October 2020 – Weekly Update



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Term 2 everyone, I hope you all had a restful holiday.

Our pupils have enjoyed a fun day today of dressing up, or down, and it's been nice for us to help the children to involve themselves in something a little more 'normal'. I hope you've enjoyed seeing some of the photographs posted online.

Wearing of Masks

As we await the arrival of an updated version of Guidance for Schools from Scottish Government, you'll notice that our staff are now wearing masks whilst moving around our school grounds. We anticipate that this procedure will be formalised in the new guidance and have taken the step to introduce this now. Fluid resistant masks will be worn by all staff in school when having to breach the 2m distancing rule as we've been doing since our return, but they will also now be worn when moving around the building and at busy times in the playground. Whilst at this time, we cannot insist that parents do the same thing, we would encourage all parents entering the playground to consider the wearing of a mask. We are all working really hard to ensure that we can keep our school open and do all we can to mitigate against the spread of COVID 19.



Parents Evening Update

We are in the process of setting up a new system for Parents Evening which will provide an online video facility. I hope to share more information with you early next week – watch this space!

Friday Food Bank

In the past few years, we have collected food items around Harvest Time and sent these to our local food banks. This year, these items are probably more important than they have ever been, as many people, particularly children find themselves struggling for basic food items. To help make the collection process a little more manageable in our current circumstances, Karen Baxter (Parent Council) has very kindly offered to collect food items and deliver these to CFINE. If you would like to donate any items, please bring them to school on a Friday morning where they can be deposited in boxes by the school gates. Karen will then drop them off. Tinned Foods, dried foods, coffee and tea are particularly sought after. There's also a shortage of size 5 and 6 nappies. This Christmas they would also like to make up parcels for children and would also accept boxes of biscuits, selection boxes and advent calendars. Any donation, no matter how small will really help to improve the lives of local families.



You can drop items off each Friday in November.

Early Years Expansion



After a long, long wait, our wonderful new nursery construction is due to start in mid-November. In the next couple of weeks, I'll be meeting with the contractors to discuss site plans. We will of course let everyone know about the layout of the site and any necessary changes to our current systems and procedures that may occur due to a reduction in our available playground space as soon as we possibly can. This is a really exciting project and we can't wait to begin working alongside the contractors to create a stimulating new learning space for our youngest pupils. The plans are available on our school website which can be accessed here: <https://broomhill.aberdeen.sch.uk/2020/10/30/early-years-expansion/>

Poppy Scotland



Our P7s are working on a small Remembrance Project and will arrange for the safe sale of a limited supply of child friendly poppies, next week. We'll accept any donation. Like many other charitable organisations Poppy Scotland will be facing a challenging time this year to raise the funds required to support the families of the Armed Forces community. If you would like to donate directly to Poppy Scotland, you can do so at the Poppy Scotland website: <https://www.poppyscotland.org.uk/>

A fun community activity from our Parent Council

There's still time this weekend to take part in the Pumpkin trail, 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!



Spree Books

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.

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, triethanolamine, 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