

4th December 2020 – Weekly Update



Another week closer to the Christmas Holiday period and we're very much missing the sound of children singing in classrooms this year. Christmas at Broomhill is definitely a little bit different. Decorations have appeared in classrooms and the cleaners are starting to pick up the glitter in the vacuum cleaners at the end of the day and of course we're on day 4 of Mr Hewitt's Christmas Jumper wardrobe... so some things, thank goodness are still the same!

Goodbye to Adam

Next Friday we say goodbye to Adam Morrison, one of our school janitors as he retires from Aberdeen City Council. Adam has worked at Broomhill for many years whilst also supporting other schools across Aberdeen City. He is one of those janitors who doesn't like to sit still and a job is always done before you even have to ask! He is one who always goes above and beyond and will be very, very much missed in our school. We wish him a very, very happy retirement with his wife and family.

New temporary gate/entrance

You will have noticed that the builders have been forming a new, temporary gateway into our school grounds just along from the crossing on Broomhill Road. This is to ensure everyone's safety as the delivery lorries and diggers come and go. From Monday morning, the new gate will be open (mornings only) and as always our PSAs will be on hand to support children as they enter the school grounds. This temporary entrance has steps, so anyone who needs to come in with a pram/buggy should enter via the Gray Street gate. Otherwise, this gate should only be used by the pupils who are entering school via the senior door (Rm 11, Rm 9, Rm 10, Rm 8, Rm 15, Rm 13, Rm 21, Rm 22). During the wetter weather this week, some parents have been sending children in to the playground via a different gate, please remember that these staggered and designated entrances are in place to keep everyone as socially distant as possible. Unfortunately, the rain doesn't prevent COVID19! Our PSAs are on hand to ensure that this is managed well, please do not take offence if they redirect you to another entrance.

Room 9

Mrs Smith will remain absent from school until Christmas and will then begin her Maternity Leave. I know that you have all been thinking of her and she misses the pupils in Room 9 and wishes that she could be back in school. Miss Murray has been in class for the last few weeks and on Monday we welcome Miss Palompo back to Broomhill. She will be teaching in Room 9 until Christmas and we will be interviewing soon for a teacher to cover Mrs Smith's maternity leave. We will keep you updated on any appointment made.

Front Entrance Reminder

Just a gentle reminder that parents are not permitted entry to school at the moment. If you are dropping a child off after an appointment etc, please just buzz the buzzer and wait at the door. A member of office staff will come to the door to collect your child. Thank you.

Level 2 Measures

Aberdeen City remains at Level 2 COVID Measures and as such there should be no in-home socialising. 6 people from 2 households can meet outdoors and in public places. Increasingly, we hear about children having sleepovers, and playdates inside, which shouldn't be happening under the current guidance. At our weekly meetings with Public Health we have been asked to reinforce this with everyone. Please stick with it and follow the guidance. We're all hoping to enjoy our Christmas holidays with families without having to self-isolate. This link to a PDF is a good reminder of what the current Level 2 measures are. [level-2-measures.pdf \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/level-2-measures/pdf/level-2-measures.pdf)

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:

[Primary School Menu Winter'20-1\(1\).pdf](https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/primary-school-menu-winter-20-1(1).pdf)
([aberdeencity.gov.uk](https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk))

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.



Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 th December	Term Ends for Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 5 th January	Term 3 begins