

5th February 2021



It's Friday!!!! I know there are many people who will be looking forward to the end of this particular school week, both in school and at home! It's been a tricky week for many as we begin to get our heads round what the next month or so might look like for us all. As you will be aware, the First Minister outlined in her statement to Parliament plans for a phased return to in-school learning. These plans included:

- a full time return to Early Learning and Childcare for all children below school age
- a full time return to school for pupils in primaries 1-3 and
- a part time return, on a limited basis, for senior phase pupils

As you will appreciate, we are working through our plans for this intended return, at the moment and will of course share our plans with you as soon as we possibly can. Scottish Government will confirm if these provision plans can go ahead, on the 16th of February.

These plans mean that school staff will provide remote learning for P4-7, childcare for the children of key workers (P4-7) and in-school learning for Early Years and P1-3 as well as the provision of online learning for those families who may be unable to attend school due to shielding or isolation at home or abroad.

We are also currently planning for twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing of staff working within our building.

There will be many questions as the proposed return to school approaches and I thank you all for your support in giving us time to work through our plans and systems to ensure a smooth and safe return to our school building.

This week is **Children's Mental Health Week**. Every family will have had difficult times over the past few months and will have been struggling to find solutions and I would like to highlight some of the avenues of support that are available for parents, pupils and families. These organisations can offer some helpful strategies and tips for those times when things are a bit difficult.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/>

[Aye Feel | Young Scot](#)

[Coping with being a parent | Parent Club](#)

[Home | clearlyourhead.scot](#)

In addition, you can access support via our Educational Psychology Service Hub. This resource includes useful information, ideas, and links to helpful resources and video clips on areas such as; Emotion Coaching, Self-regulation, Anxiety, Supporting Transitions and Early Years. <https://sites.google.com/ab-ed.org/educational-psychology-service/parentscarers?authuser=0>

Our Parent Council meeting will be held on the 11th of February at 6.30pm. If you wish to attend, please contact the PC who will send you a link for the meeting. pcbroomhill@aberdeen.npfs.org.uk

Once again, I'd like to thank our School Community for their support, hard work and resilience, many are enduring really difficult times through illness, loss and financial hardship. We will come through this!

In the meantime, please have a lovely weekend – stay cosy, it looks like it's going to be a cold one! ❄️

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs D Reid (Head Teacher)