

15th March 2021



After 9 weeks of remote learning online we are ready to welcome back our Primary 4 – 7 pupils on Monday! 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

Last week we surveyed our P4-7s to see how they were feeling about the return to school and over 80% said that they were feeling happy or very happy to return. Class teachers have spent time during Google Meets this week answering questions both as a group and individually to those who requested it. Almost all pupils who responded to our survey said that the thing they were looking forward to most was 'seeing friends again'. Over the next two weeks prior to the Easter Holiday, the focus will again be on Wellbeing and building relationships, spending time with classmates and settling back into school.

Since January, we've been providing Childcare Support to a group of pupils in school and I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge "WELL DONE" to them. They have been a fantastic group and have been a credit to their school, their class and to their families. The group of staff supporting them have thoroughly enjoyed having them and will miss them as they return to their mainstream class next week. I'd like to thank the team of Early Years staff and Pupil Support Assistants who have worked in our Childcare Hubs over the period of this latest lockdown. It's been a different experience for many, but one that they have really enjoyed.

Monday 15th March – Arriving in school

A reminder that when pupils arrive in the school playground on Monday morning, they should try and arrive at their allocated time to avoid any unnecessary gathering. Lining up areas will be set up and staff will be on hand to support and direct. Once pupils are in the playground, if your child is happy for you to leave, we would encourage you to do this. Staff will be there to supervise once the gates are open at 8.50am.

At the end of the day if you come to collect your child, please try and time your arrival to avoid any unnecessary gathering. As the volume of pupils is now greater, the Broomhill Road Gate will be closed at the end of the day and access will be via Gray Street or the Lane Gate only.

There has been a clear presence by City Wardens in the area over the last few weeks. We would encourage everyone to Park and Strike to and from school to avoid unnecessary traffic congestion.

School Uniform

If your child has outgrown their uniform over the last few months and you're awaiting arrival of a new order, please don't worry. Just send your child to school in something warm and comfortable.

5 important steps
to help our schools and childcare settings stay open

- Adults wear a face covering at drop off/ pick up**
- Stick to one adult at drop off/ pick up**
- Adults keep 2 metres apart**
- Avoid car sharing**
- Self-isolate if anyone in your household has symptoms**

For up to date information, support and advice visit parentclub.scot

Protecting all of us, takes all of us



Bikes and Scooters

We are happy for bikes and scooters to be brought to school, but please ensure that these have a suitable padlock and are stored properly. Please remind your child that for safety reasons they should not ride their bike or scooter in the playground at any time.

Resources and equipment

If possible, your child should come to school with their own pencils and pens. However, these will be provided should they be required and cleaning processes are in place to ensure safety.

Playdates

We have been hearing stories from pupils about visits to other homes for 'playdates.' Please remember that the reopening of schools is conditional on everyone following the rules and continued suppression of the virus. Whilst there are changes in the rules from today to allow outdoor meetings, meeting up with others indoors is still not permitted.

Playground Security

Our Gray Street gate will now be padlocked during break time and lunchtime and at times when classes are using the playground. PSAs will monitor the gate for visitors or parents/carers who may require access to collect a pupil, however if they are unable to assist, please call the office number (01224 315487) and someone will come to assist you. Nursery staff will continue to be on duty at the gate for the afternoon session.

Building Progress

Pupils and parents returning on Monday will notice a huge difference in our new Nursery building which now has a roof! Work will continue into next term, but everything looks to be on track for our August opening.

I have reinstated our Frequently Asked Questions Section on the next page, for reference.

In the meantime, please have a lovely weekend. The weather forecast although, unsettled looks mainly dry over the weekend so hopefully many of us will be able to enjoy some fresh air with family under the recent changes to restrictions. I've included a link here to the current Stay at Home Guidance: [Stay at Home Guidance - Scot Gov](#)

Please have a lovely weekend.

Rest and recharge!

Take care and stay safe.

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 Barbadosensis Leaf Extract.

Hand Soap Ingredients are: Water, Sodium Laureth Sulfate, Cocamidopropyl Betaine, PEG-200 Hydrogenated Glyceryl Palmate, PEG-7 Glyceryl Cocoate, Socium 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

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.

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.



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.
- **S** - Self isolate, and book a test, if you have any of the symptoms of COVID.

Returning from abroad

The following link will take you to information provided by the Scottish Government regarding the Quarantine rules and information on the process for people entering Scotland.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-international-travel-quarantine/>

Monday 15 th March	P4-7 Return to School
Friday 26 th March	School Closes for Easter Break
Monday 12 th April	Term 4 begins
Monday 3 rd May	May Day Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 4 th May	In Service Day – School Closed
Thursday 6 th May	Scottish Parliament Elections – School will be closed on this day as our building is being used as a Polling Station.
Friday 25 th June	School Closes for Summer Break
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