

19th March 2021



This week we welcomed our P4-7s back into school and I'm delighted to share that once they were through the door on Monday morning, it was like they had never been away! Our school feels so much more alive with everyone back and busy, albeit still under COVID restrictions, but definitely feeling a little more normal. Please take a moment over the weekend to congratulate all of your children on their excellent return to school. There were undoubtedly some anxious thoughts prior to the return but there have definitely been lots of confident, contented pupils eagerly participating in learning activities in classes this week.

It seems very strange to be welcoming pupils back into school whilst at the same time looking forward to our Easter holidays next Friday. As you will be aware, if there is a positive COVID case in school, then I work alongside our colleagues in Public Health to identify any close contacts. During the school holidays this duty will be undertaken by Central Officers who will have all of the information necessary to carry out any required investigation and subsequent contact tracing. Our mitigations in school continue to be robust and we reinforce the messages each day to ensure that we do our very best to prevent any potential spread.

Reporting

Our teaching staff are currently working on preparing our annual written reports which will be sent home at the beginning of May. Parents Evenings will be arranged for the week beginning 17th of May and further details regarding arrangements will be sent home at the beginning of next term.

End of Term

Next Friday is the end of term and this will be a non-uniform day for anyone who wishes to participate. Following the huge success of our Food Bank Collection just before Christmas, we have agreed that any one who wishes to donate an Easter Egg to the Food Bank can do so next Friday morning and drop off any donation into the collection boxes situated at our school gates. Karen Baxter (Parent Council) will then transport the eggs to CFINE which we know will be very gratefully received and passed on to children who may not be fortunate enough to receive an Easter Egg this year.



Return of Chromebooks

Please prepare the Chromebooks to be returned to school at the end of next week, further details regarding arrangements for their return will be communicated home at the beginning of the week.

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 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.

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.

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.

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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