

26<sup>th</sup> February 2021



We've been delighted to have more pupils back in school this week and I'm pleased to say that our pupils in P1, 2 and 3 are all settling in well, back into school. Our ELC pupils have also returned to their nursery settings and for the most part, it's like they've never been away!

I'd like to thank all of our parents and carers for supporting the return to school by adhering to all of the guidance, wearing face coverings and maintaining a 2m distance. Please continue to stick to the 5 important steps to help our schools and childcare settings stay open.



I know it's difficult to leave your children in the morning, but there are plenty of staff on hand in the playground to ensure their safety so please continue to drop them off and go, if you can.

The First Minister indicated this week that P4-7 **may** be able to return to school on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March if things continue to progress in a positive way. We will keep our fingers crossed that the cases of COVID 19 continue to reduce and we see all of our pupils back in school soon. In the meantime, our P4-7 pupils continue to make us exceptionally proud, they are engaging well with their online learning despite I'm sure being a little fed up with everything!

### Snack in P1-3

Last term, and on our return to school this week, some classes have been trialling having snack in the afternoons, due to the slightly earlier lunchtime and having no official break in the afternoons. We've evaluated this over the last few days and have decided to revert back to having snack in the mornings.

Just a gentle reminder to please provide snacks which children can manage/open by themselves please. We are happy to help children but each time an adult has to assist a child with a snack, hands have to be washed/sanitised and this can add to the time available for snack.

### Update on Reporting

Aberdeen City Council has a new system for us to report on your pupil progress this year. Towards the end of this term, our staff will be bringing together their assessment data to form the annual pupil report. We are planning to have these reports with you by the 7<sup>th</sup> of May and will then be able to follow these up with Parents Evening appointments during the week of the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, where we'll be able to discuss your child's report in much more detail. I have included a communication from ACC on the Reporting update. You'll notice that the document mentions an Interim Report before Christmas, this year we chose to do this in person in the form of a Parents Evening. As always, if you have any questions, please contact us through the school email address.

### New Support for Families in Aberdeen City

ACC are launching *Stronger Families Series* – a range of free events for parent and carers to support children's health and wellbeing (P7-S3). The main events will take place throughout March with additional focused webinars in April and May. There is something for everyone, why not sign-up now. To find out more information and book a space click here [here](#).

### World Book Day

Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March is World Book Day! Unfortunately, we cannot dress up this year but the pupils will take part in a range of activities in school and online. Some of the school staff will be taking part in the 'Masked Reader' Show. This will be available on all Google Classrooms for you to watch on Thursday and there will be a Google Form attached where you can share your guesses. We would also like all of the pupils to take a picture of themselves

reading in an interesting ( but safe!) place. Please post this on your Google Classroom on Thursday too. I am sure it will be a fun day!

Please have a lovely weekend. Rest and recharge!

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs D Reid (Head Teacher)