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Dear Parents

Thank you for supporting us through these new rules for our school. I hope your child has felt happy and safe returning to school, it is certainly good to be back. As you are aware, school is not 'back to normal' and we must ensure everyone stays safe as we continue to follow the guidelines from the Government and local authority.

The children have been superstars with their handwashing and trying to stay 2m away from the teachers and staff. We also have an additional clean throughout the school day, to clean high frequency touch points.

At the end of day, when your children are at the gate, can you please cross the road to collect your child and move on to maintain the 2m distance, so all children can be collected. I know this is different to normal, but we need to maintain the 2m distance between people at the school gate. Your help and support are much appreciated with this.

Visiting Specialists:

We will have Ms Taylor for PE on a Wednesday morning. Pupils should come dressed for PE outside, waterproof jacket (if it's raining), joggers, shorts, t-shirt.

Class Two have Mrs Wills for art on a Monday afternoon, Class One will have Mr Baird for art on a Tuesday afternoon.

Visiting teachers are only allowed to visit a maximum of two schools per day.

Reminders:

Please remember we are a nut free school. Ensure snacks and packed lunches do not have any nut products in them.

We are still asking you to only bring essential items into school, water bottle, lunch/snack, soap/moisturiser (if required).

Your child can wear a mask in school, adults in school are wearing masks at certain times throughout the day.

Lunches:

Lunches are now being served in the hall, almost back to normal! The children sit in their class, with children having a school lunch sitting together, and children with packed lunches sitting together. The tailored 2 Week Menu is going to be extended for an additional two weeks until Friday the 4th of September. The catering team will review future menu plans as we move forward.

Eat out to Help out - School Meals

Parents/ pupils will be able to get discounts on school meals in Aberdeenshire thanks to the UK Government's Eat Out to Help Out scheme.

The initiative has been established to support restaurants and cafes by offering a 50% discount to customers on food and drink in exchange for helping a local eatery. The scheme also applies to school canteens allowing parents and carers to obtain the discount for school meals and drinks selected by pupils.

It will be available to use in Aberdeenshire's schools from the 17th to 31st of August.

During this period on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday the price of a primary school meal will be available at £1.25. The menu can be found by clicking this link:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/25375/primarymenustailored2weeks.pdf>

Showing signs of illness:

If your child is unwell before attending school, please keep them off school until you have contacted and discussed symptoms with the NHS.

Any pupil (or member of staff) who shows any symptom of illness will need to leave school as soon as possible. You will be contacted and need to collect your child ASAP.

Dress Down Day:

Our first dress down day of the session will be on Friday 28th of August. We will continue to ask for a donation, which this year we will give to a local charity chosen by the pupils. If you have any suggestions, please email the school and we will add to the list.

Nursery Staff Change:

Miss Manson left our nursery as EYSP at the end of term 4 to take up a new EYP post in another nursery, and we wish her all the best in her new role. After interviewing several candidates, we have appointed Miss Gordon. You may remember Miss Gordon, as she worked with us in the nursery last year covering a maternity post. We welcome her back to our nursery.

Photos:

Here are some photos of what school looks like inside.

Here is the table layout in Class One.



Tape on the floor to remind everyone about 2m distance and a waiting area to allow safe passing.



Here are some pictures of the newly refurbished nursery and the disabled toilet.



Miss Crawford

