

Update

We have had a wonderful first few weeks back and are really enjoying the new building. It is lovely to be back in Blackburn and we are loving seeing the children walk to and from school again!

Open Evening

We will be hosting our annual 'Meet the Teacher' Evening from 6-8pm on Thursday 6th September. We have extended the invite this year to include members of our local community. Please come along and see our new building.



Playground

Pick up and drop off arrangements are working well, we would like to thank you for your patience as we establish these routines.

Whilst we do not encourage dogs in the playground we currently have no serious objections to well behaved dogs, on leads, being present in the playground at drop off and pick up times.

We would ask that any children who bring bikes or scooters to school do not use these in the playground. Please walk them to and from the gate.

Children should not use the climbing equipment at the beginning and end of the day. This is for break time and lunchtime only when there is supervision in the playground.

Trading Cards

Please ensure your children are not bringing trading cards of any description to school with them. These have been causing issues in the playground and classrooms recently.

Photographic permission

We have arranged for a photographer to come and take a whole school photograph in our new playground. This will take place on Thursday 13th September (weather permitting). If you do not wish for your child to be included in this photograph, please email the school office by Tues 11th September kinellar.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.



Safe and Sustainable Travel

Well done to Kishan and Mayeesha for winning the cup for sustainable and safe travel. We say a fond farewell to both of them as they start their new learning journey at another school. All the best.

Bikeability

Pupils from P6 and P7 are scheduled to receive Bikeability Training Session 18/19. We have had a small number of volunteers already to assist with this, if you would be interested in helping please email katie.finch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk. Parental support is essential to enable this initiative to take place.

Zebra Crossing

This is being used well so far but we would ask that bikes and scooters are walked across the crossings. If you need to cross Fintray Road on your way to school. Please ensure you cross with the Crossing Patroller.

Drop off – School Car park

Please ensure you do not drop your children off in the upper car park. This is strictly for staff and visitors only. Breakfast and Afterschool club are welcome to use this area but please park in the spaces provided when dropping off and picking up.

Parent Council Summer Disco

This will now take place on Friday 14th September we are sorry for the late change in date. More information to follow from the Parent Council.

Active Schools

There are several opportunities currently available in the local area. Please see the attached flyers for more information.

Active Schools – Volunteers Wanted

The start of a new school year is a great time for children to get involved in the wide variety of sport and physical activity opportunities available throughout the network. To further the experiences and opportunities available to children in schools, we are looking for interested and keen parents/members of the community to help offer, deliver, and support some school sports and activity programmes. No experience is required, all we ask is that you are enthusiastic and motivated! If you have a hobby you would be keen to share within your child's school, or you are simply interested in volunteering and getting involved, then please contact Lynsey, the Active Schools Coordinator for the Kemnay Network, on lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Who to Contact?

In the event that you have a question or concern, you should contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. They are the people who know your child best in school and will be able to resolve most issues which arise. If you feel that your concern has still not been resolved then you should contact the appropriate Depute Head Teacher; Miss Morrison Nursery – P3 or Miss Finch P4-7.



We work very closely as a management team and all issues which arise within school are shared with Mrs Farquhar, the Head teacher. If you feel you require to meet with her, please make an appointment via the office.

As always if there is anything we can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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