



First Class

Return to School and Nursery August 2020 (Bumper Information Issue)

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Honesty

Respect

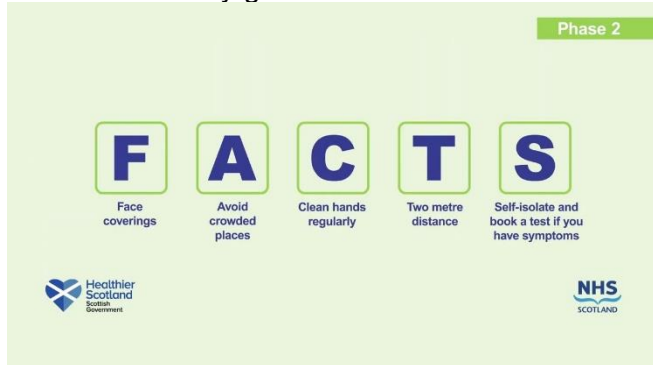
Happiness

Achievement

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back after a long period of home learning. We are all very excited to be back and looking forward to seeing all the learners back in the school building.

As a community we will continue to follow the Phase 2 recovery guidance.



Health and Safety

Obviously, it goes without saying that we take the health and safety element of this transition back to school and nursery very seriously. We have taken National and Local Government Advice as well as our own knowledge of the school and the learning into account in the planning. The national document can be found here.

<https://www.gov.scot/news/safe-return-to-schools-and-nurseries/>

A full risk assessment has been completed and will continually be revisited and reviewed. The Early Years (Nursery) have a slightly different Risk Assessment but everything is in place to start the new term. Some adaptations have been made to the school risk assessment to support our new P1 children this is in line with the Early Years guidance. We will need the support of parents, pupils and the school community to ensure these risk assessments and procedures can be implemented effectively. Please bear in mind that this is a constantly changing landscape.

Cleaning and Landscaping

Speaking of landscapes, we are continuing to work with the central Aberdeenshire Team to ensure the

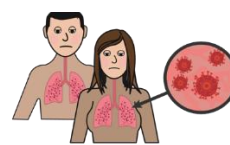
Landscaping is completed. Please be patient and hopefully soon we will be back to normal. The cleaning team have completed their deep clean and cleaning will be ongoing throughout the day using specific chemicals. Each class area will also have a cleaning kit and the PPE required should close contact with others be required.

PPE

Children and adults can wear masks should they wish to do so although this is not a requirement. PPE is being provided to staff to administer First Aid etc.

Before Arrival at School

Before leaving your home, please ensure your child is well and that no other members of the household are symptomatic. In line with Government and Local Authority Advice, we have a zero-tolerance approach to any symptoms shown and will use isolation procedures. The 'Test and Protect' approach will be used for any person who reports symptoms.



Symptoms and what to do Coronavirus COVID-19

- A high **temperature**.
- **Feel hot** to touch on your chest or back.
- A **loss or change** in what you can normally **smell or taste**.
- A new **continuous cough**.
This means **coughing** a lot for more than one hour or 3 or more coughs in a day.
If you usually have a cough then this might be worse at this time.

Before Leaving the House

Before leaving the house in the morning, all parents **MUST** ensure that their child has everything they need for the day and that pick-up

arrangements are clearly understood. We are not



able to accept any items at the front office and parents should only enter the school if they have an arranged appointment. If a child has forgotten lunch, homework, gym shoes and the likes, we will arrange an alternative lunch/ snack and will not be accepting anything at the office. We always encourage parents to try and make appointments out-with school. In addition to this, messages regarding changes to pick up arrangements are taken in emergency circumstances only.

Arrival at school

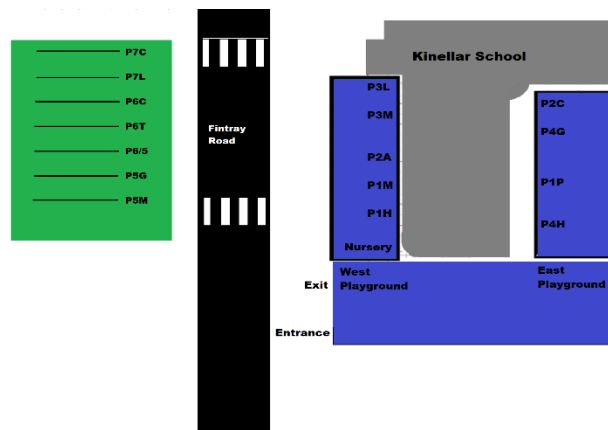
This will be very different for P5-P7 to start with. They will line up in the playing field and will be dismissed from the main entrance. Although the grass has been cut, on wet days children may wish to arrive in boots and change into school shoes. Children should not arrive before 0845 and parents should drop off and leave where possible to ensure the children can access the building safely.

P1-4 children will line up in the playground at their classroom door. P4H will line up at the Orange staircase door – there will be a sign on the door on Wednesday to keep them right. As per government guidelines we must minimise the number of adults present in the school playground. Therefore P1-3 parents are permitted to enter the playground to drop off and collect their children but are encouraged to leave promptly once their child has settled. We will review these procedures during the first few weeks, we may have to enforce further restrictions should the guidance not be adhered to. Adults are reminded that they must observe social distancing guidance whilst on school grounds.

It is essential that children arrive on time to school. Late children arriving at the office will seriously disrupt our procedures.

We respectfully ask children to refrain from bringing bicycles and scooters to school until Monday 24th August. This will allow everyone to settle into the new routine and give us the opportunity to speak to children about biking and scooting to school and the storage of these during the school day.

Lining Up Plan



Collection and arrival at school

We understand that some parents may have a child being dropped off/ collected from the school AND playing field. Please have a plan with your child of where to wait /meet you. We always tell pupils that in the event they are not collected or feel unsafe at any stage after school, they should go to the school office and we can phone you.

Moving Around the School

The school has been set up to ensure that all members of the school community move around using the one-way system. It may take a while to get the children into new routines and a different way of working. There are floor stickers to help people remember which direction to move in.

Handwashing

All children will be required to wash their hands at key points throughout the day. The Parent Council have very kindly funded our soft paper towels and additional hand soap and hand cream. This is much appreciated because although we buy this through school funds, these slightly more pupil friendly toiletries certainly help when it comes to delicate wee hands! They also helped with additional floor stickers. Hand Sanitiser will be available in all areas across the school.

School Laptops on Lend

Please do not send any borrowed laptops back to school with your child. There will be a dedicated time slot for you, as a parent, to return the laptop. Details of these arrangements are located in a separate document sent in this email. Please read carefully if this applies to you.



The Club @Kinellar



After School Care is still available and Emily and her Team will happily take any queries you may have. Due to the

uncertainty of current circumstances, The Club are using the Community Hall for the time being. The school fully supports this and we're sure the hall will be a great facility for them. Emily will work closely with the school to ensure a safe and sound drop off and pick up. A door has been allocated for the Club to enter and exit from. Please inform your class teacher of the arrangement you have and the days your child will be attending. We will also have this data but it helps to ensure everyone is informed of any changes.



Lunches

School Lunches will still be an option for all. P1-3 receive free school lunches. Those parents who have a child moving into P4 will now pay. The Admin team will ensure that you all have the information you need to set up your ipayimpact account. This is very easy to use, top up and keep track of. Don't worry, the P4 pupils will still be able to have lunch, any payments will be deducted from your account when it's set up. Lunch times have been extended to allow for the catering team to socially distance themselves in the kitchen. Lunches will start at 1150 for some with the last sitting being 1320. This is subject to change and there will be a slightly limited menu on offer for the time being.



The school SMT and Catering Team are working together to ensure that lunchtimes are as efficient and safe as possible.

Home Lunches should ideally be avoided at this time. If necessary individual arrangements can be made between parents and class teacher. We ask that home lunches could be avoided whilst we are in the recovery phase.

Breaks

Again, these will be staggered and the timings of these will reflect the children's lunch hours e.g. a later break means a later lunch. P1-3 will be offered a short break in the afternoon with their teacher.



Coloured Class Areas

The children will be having lunch and breaks with their coloured class areas to ensure we can have clear cleaning, hygiene and space for them to play outdoors. We appreciate that some children will not necessarily be with their siblings/ friendship or year groups, but unfortunately this cannot be avoided at this time. We will return to normal breaks and lunches when it is safe to do so.



Front Office

Parents and Pupils should only come to the front door and office if they have previously arranged an appointment or have agreed to come in through the front door in the morning. If you have any questions, please email a member of the admin team. kinellar.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Pupil Wellbeing on arrival

Some pupils will understandably find the return to school quite challenging. In the event your child becomes very upset or distressed, a member of staff may ask you to take them to the main office and we will assist you in getting them settled. This avoids additional anxiety and upset.



What should my child take to school?

Please ensure your child has a pencil case, snack and water bottle when they come to school. A glue stick is helpful as resources are going to be carefully monitored for infection purposes. The pencil cases will remain at school for the duration of the term. Water bottles should be taken home regularly to be cleaned. Please no toys or items from home at the moment. Please remember that children are not permitted to bring/ carry scissors or any other sharp objects to school. Windows in classrooms will be open most of the time during the day to allow for the circulation of fresh air, it would be advisable for all pupils to have a school jumper, even on sunny days.

PE and PE Kits

Your child's teacher will inform you of when the class will have PE. In line with guidance, PE will take place outdoors. We ask that pupils come dressed in PE kit on their PE day(s). A change of clothes on these days is advisable in the event the pupils become wet/muddy. Some PE may perhaps be walking in the local area for example. Pupils could wear their house t-shirt and/or their school jumper.



Communication with All Staff

Unfortunately, due to social distancing, Teachers & The Early Years Team should not be approached at the beginning or the end of the day. If you'd like to communicate with staff, please email them or send a message via the school office. If your concern is of a serious nature or a Child Protection concern, please alert one of the office team by telephone and a member the SMT will get back to you.

Nursery Considerations



Please bear in mind that the nursery children will have short slots for dropping off and picking up. Some of these times are during the P1-P7 lunch hour and obviously this cannot be avoided. Please ensure the gate is closed behind you. Basically, if the gate is closed when you arrive please close it.

After arrival, nursery parents will be asked to exit via the garden door. Don't worry, the staff will keep you right.

Due to current circumstances, nursery children should not bring anything from home. All they need is a waterproof jacket.

Nursery Parents are asked to be prompt on arrival and the staff will support you should your child be upset at drop off for any reason.

Nursery Induction will take place using social distancing in the foyer of the nursery and parents asked to use hand sanitiser and their child will wash their hands at the portable handwashing station. Due to the swift nature of the drop-off and collection, our staff can be contacted should you have any ongoing concerns via email or phone. You will have an opportunity in the near future to have an informal catch-up about your child's settling in period.

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School Transport

Those pupils using school transport will be sent additional guidelines relevant to them.

Classes

Please see the classes and teachers for the session below. This has been updated to show that Mrs Davies will be in P6/5 on Thursday and P4G on Friday.

P1H – Mrs C Moore and Mrs C Hendry

P1M – Miss C Morrison and Miss K Hay

P1P – Miss A Pollard

P2A – Miss F Adair

P2C – Miss C Crawford

P3L – Mrs C Lofthouse

P3M – Mrs E Martin

P4G – Mrs J Gibb(M-Th) Mrs Davies (F)

P4H – Miss A Hammond

P5G – Mrs J Garden

P5M – Miss M McDonald

P6/5L – Miss A Logan (MTWF) Mrs Davies (Th)

P6C – Mrs K Clark and Mrs J Templeton

P6T – Miss J Tocher

P7C – Miss J Callander

P7L – Mrs J Lovie

SMT – Mrs Davies, Miss Morrison, Mrs Stannard
(on maternity leave) and Mrs Farquhar.

Other core teaching staff – Miss Singer, Mrs Milne, Mrs Paterson, Mrs Davies, Ms Kasim.

Nursery Team – Mrs Nicol EYSP, Miss Burgess EYLP, Mrs Shiach EYP, Mrs Gillies EYP, Miss Milligan EYP, Mrs McKeown EYP and Mrs Genus Graduate Apprentice.

ASL – Mrs Keith, Miss Smith, Mrs Aspey, Mrs Pirie and Mrs Smith.

PSAs – Mrs Connell, Mrs Duguid, Mrs Greig, Mrs Meikle, Mrs Piggott, Mrs Turriff.

Admin Team – Mrs Masson, Mrs MacDonald, Mrs Kaczmarek.

Janitorial – Mr Bisset and Mr Williams.

Catering Supervisor – Ms Matthews.

Mon 10 th Aug	Inservice Day
Tues 11 th Aug	Inservice Day
Wed 12 th Aug	Groups A & B
Thurs 13 th Aug	Groups C & D
Fri 14 th Aug	Groups E & F
Mon 17 th Aug	P2-7 return full time

Please note that the arrangements for Primary 1 will remain as previously communicated.

Whole School Learning Tasks

P2-7 will receive a grid of Home Learning tasks for this week. These can be completed on the days children are not physically in school. They will be posted on the class teams from last session. We will have a couple of members of staff checking in and monitoring these.



We understand that new pupils will not have logins as yet and there is no expectation for them to complete these tasks.

Uniform (School and Nursery)

We encourage all the children to take pride in wearing their school uniform. We do appreciate that for some parents, getting school uniform and shoes etc has been challenging during this time – this is understandable.

Please ensure everything is labelled- due to current hygiene reasons, we will not be storing anything unnamed. All named items will be promptly returned to your child. Parents with a nursery child should also label their child's own clothes.

Kinellar School Parent Council (KSPC) have teamed up with MyNameTags.com – a company who make and supply coloured stickers for labelling all your children's items



from jumpers and shoes to pencils and water bottles. They have an affiliated link and if you wish to purchase a pack of stickers 24% of your order (at no extra cost to you) comes back to KSPC.

If you wish to place an order, please click on the link below, design your stickers and enter the School ID: 21871 when you reach the checkout. If this code is not used KSPC will not be credited

www.mynametags.com

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and children that uniform is strongly encouraged including black shoes.

Jewellery should be kept to a minimum and long hair tied up wherever possible particularly for sporting activities.



P7 Leavers

We wish all our pupils moving to S1 all the very best at both Inverurie and Kemnay Academies. We will continue to liaise with both to ensure the children are settling well. Inverurie have delayed their move to their new premises. Hopefully, they will receive their keys soon.

Tissues and Baby Wipes



If possible (and if you'd like to) any donations of tissues or baby wipes will be gratefully received by class teachers and the nursery. If you'd like to donate, please send them in with

your child and they can give them directly to the class teacher. These will be stored before being distributed with Covid-19 in mind.

Medical Forms

If your child requires prescribed medication to be administered in School please print & fill out medical form available from School website and take this with the medicine to School office.

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 by phone or email. 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 the relevant member of the management team.



Yellow and Blue area classes – Miss Cara Morrison (P1-3 and P4G)

Orange and Purple area classes – Mrs Amelia Davies (P4H and P5-7)

Nursery - Mrs Nicola Nicol

We work very closely as a management team and all issues which arise within school are shared with Mrs Farquhar, the Head teacher.

As always if there is anything we can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you would like to speak to Mrs Farquhar please arrange a telephone appointment via the school office.

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