

First Class

Issue 76

Honesty

Respect

Happiness

Achievement

Week 3

We are now 3 weeks into the new term and we have been so impressed with how well our learners have adjusted and settled into the new routines of school.

There is a positive atmosphere around the building and its great to have everyone learning together under the same roof again!

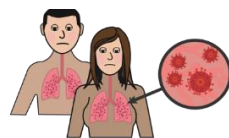
Pupil Wellbeing

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.





Remember FACTS for a safer Scotland

- F** Face coverings 
- A** Avoid crowded places 
- C** Clean your hands regularly 
- T** Two metre distance 
- S** Self isolate and book a test if you have symptoms 

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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.

We are aware that there many bugs and illness circulating currently. Please take a cautious approach and if in doubt keep your child at home and seek medical advice.

PPE

Children and adults can wear masks/face coverings should they wish to do so although this is not a requirement in the school ground and building. PPE is being provided to staff to administer First Aid etc.

Face covering must be worn on all school transport as of Monday 31st August.



Organisation

Before leaving the house in the morning, all parents **MUST** continue to 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. Any visitor entering the building is required to provide their contact information in line with the Test and Protect strategy.

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.

Wet Weather

Autumn seems to be creeping in already with some significant periods of wet weather. During breaks and Lunch, the children will always be outside to play unless the weather is extreme. This means they must have suitable waterproof jackets and if you prefer, waterproof trousers and boots too. Children should always have a change of clothes

should their PE day be wet and muddy. We will not be cancelling PE in bad weather unless the weather is extreme or too dangerous.

Active Schools

We are keen to get our extra -Curricular activities back up and running as soon as we possibly can. Please watch this space.

School Arrival

Our new system is working well to aid the flow of children into school in the morning. The upper stages are generally being responsible when lining up at the field. Please encourage your child to come straight to their line rather than playing at the park as there is no adult supervision in this area.

The flow of pupils and adults at the school gates is also working well. We would kindly ask that where possible only 1 adult attends drop off and pick up to minimise the number of adults in the playground. Adults are reminded that they must observe social distancing guidance whilst on school grounds. Please do not become complacent with this. Remember, once your child has settled in their line please leave the playground promptly.

It is essential that children arrive on time to school. Late children arriving at the office will seriously disrupt our procedures. Teachers will not accept late arrivals at classroom doors.



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 to have a plan with you 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

Pupils have adapted well to the one-way system set up around the building and are frequently reminded to follow this.

Handwashing

Handwashing routines are now well embedded within the school day. Children are frequently reminded of the importance of this routine. Thanks again to the Parent Council for supplying soft paper towels and additional hand soap and hand cream.



The Club @Kinellar

After School Care is still available and Emily and her Team will happily take any queries you may have. Emily and the Team will be moving back to school soon- watch-this space.



Lunches

After a successful start to primary school meals using the tailored menu, the catering team, working with schools, thought the best course of action was to continue on the [tailored menu \(pdf 123KB\)](#). The menu runs as follows:

- Week 1 runs from the 24th August
- Week 2 runs from the 31st August
- Week 3 runs from the 7th September
- Week 4 runs from the 14th September

This will allow School Catering to adapt to an ever-changing environment.

Queries for dietary requirements will be managed onsite by our school catering team. Please advise your child's class teacher of these requirements and they will be passed to the Kitchen.

Please visit the Aberdeenshire Council [Primary School Meals Website](#) for further information.

Our Lunch times are as follows:

Blue and Yellow area classes: 11:50-12.45

Orange and Purple area classes: 12.50-13.45



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

We are adjusting break times slightly, as of next week, now that we have had time to evaluate.



Blue and Yellow classes:
10.20-10.40

Orange and Purple classes: 10.40-11.00

P1-3 may be offered a short break in the afternoon with their teacher.

Coloured Class Areas

The children have been having lunch and break in their coloured class areas. This decision was made in line with SG guidance to minimise contact and avoid large crowds. This is working very well. It leads to a much calmer atmosphere both in the playground and cafeteria areas. We do acknowledge that this has been difficult for some children who are separated from friends and siblings however, we are very proud of how maturely they have dealt with this. We have worked with some year groups to ensure they understand why this needs to happen.



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

All visitors entering the building must provide their details for Test and Protect Procedures, so we are trying to keep this to a minimum.



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 however they will ordinarily remain in their PE kits for the duration of the day. 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 and 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 Update

As with the school, there is a great atmosphere in the Nursery setting just now. The staff have been so impressed with how well our new starts and returners have settled. They are enjoying being back at Nursery and have again adapted well to the new routines in place.

Thank you to parents/carers for following procedures put in place to keep everyone safe. Drop off and picks have been running smoothly. As these are changing next week, we would like to take this opportunity to remind adults that they should continue to social distance.

Uniform (School and Nursery)



We encourage all the children to take pride in wearing their school uniform with pride. We do appreciate that for some parents, getting school uniform and shoe etc 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.

Staff Update

Sadly, Mrs Connell (PSA) has decided to hang up her yellow jacket for the time being. Mrs Connell has been part of the Kinellar Team for many years and will be missed by us all. She has been a great support to our learners during her time here. We

wish her well on her next adventure and we will be sure to keep in touch. Good Luck Mrs Connell.

We are pleased to let you know that a Crossing Patroller has been appointed to the vacancy. We are awaiting the relevant checks to be completed and will be informed of a start date in the near future.



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.



Community Information



Family Food Parcels

We have been providing families with a fortnightly food parcel since lockdown began as we appreciate this is a very difficult time for many families. If your circumstances have changed and you are experiencing difficulty due to redundancy, reduced hours at work or many other reasons and feel that a food parcel would help your family at this difficult time and are not currently receiving a food parcel from any other organisation then please get in touch.

EMAIL: gariochcommunitykitchen@hotmail.co.uk
PHONE : 07729297892
Food Parcels Funded by

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 contact 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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