

Term 2

We were delighted to welcome everyone back to Term 2 and see everyone looking smart in their uniform. Please let us know if you need support with uniform for your child. It is important they come with outerwear suitable to the weather as we will be venturing outside frequently!

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.



As the seasons change, we are aware that there are many bugs and illness circulating. Please take a cautious approach and if in doubt keep your child at home and seek medical advice.

Face Coverings

Following government guidance, pupils may see staff wearing face masks more frequently in the building. Although school and early learning and childcare settings are current exempt from the workplace legislation, we are aware that further advice is imminent. Staff are encouraged to wear a face covering when moving around the building. If you or your children have any questions or concerns regarding this, please feel free to contact the DHT responsible for your child's year group.



Face covering must be worn on all school transport.

School Arrival and Pick-up

The school playground is becoming increasingly busy. For this reason, from Monday 2nd November we ask that **only 1 adult attends** drop off and pick up to minimise the number of adults in the playground.

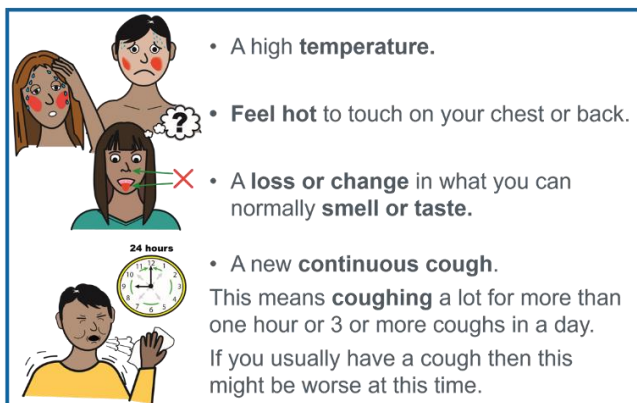
Current Scottish Government guidance also states:

“Whilst it is not compulsory to wear a face covering outdoors it is recommended in crowded situations where physical distancing is not always possible, such as at the school gate or at the entrance to a building. In these circumstances you are expected to wear a face covering.”

For more information click [here](#)



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.

Therefore, we kindly request that, from Monday 2nd November, **unless exempt, adults wear a face mask or covering while on school grounds.**

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.

We are working on alternative morning arrangements for the P5-7 classes. With the wetter weather the field is becoming very muddy. We will speak to the children about the new arrangements next week.

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.

We are happy for well-behaved dogs to accompany you at drop off and pick up. However, we would kindly ask that you do not stop at the school gate with dogs during break and lunch times.

At the end of the day, please leave the playground swiftly. We still have nursery session running and need to clear the playground quickly.

School Office

Please be aware that any parents or visitors entering the building is required to provide their contact information in line with the Test and Protect strategy. Please avoid coming to the office whenever possible and contact them by telephone or email instead.

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Cold and Wet Weather

Please ensure your child comes to school prepared for the weather. Children will be spending time outside in all weathers as part of their learning.



During breaks and lunch, the children will always be outside to play unless the weather is extreme. This means they must have suitable

warm/waterproof jackets and if you prefer, waterproof trousers and boots too. If you find that this is difficult due to financial circumstances, please contact the school. We will treat this confidentially and seek support to help you equip your child for outdoor learning.

Windows in classrooms will be open throughout the day to allow for the circulation of fresh air, it would be advisable for all pupils to have a school jumper.

PE and PE Kits

Your child's teacher will inform you of when the class will have PE. Timetables are likely to have changed this term. It is advisable to pack a spare set of clothes on PE day in case your child becomes wet or muddy.



Class Newsletter

Class newsletters will be issued over the next week with class specific information.

Seasons for Growth

Our Season for Growth groups are meeting every Wednesday with Mrs Keith and Mrs Pirie this term. We are so proud of how well the children involved are supporting each other when discussing the change they have experienced in their lives.



Handwashing

Handwashing routines are now well embedded within the school day. Children are frequently reminded of the importance of this routine.



Please keep an eye on your child's hands as the weather gets colder, some are already beginning to struggle with dry and cracked hands. We do have a supply of E45 lotion which they are welcome to use throughout the day.

The Club @Kinellar

We are delighted to welcome back The Club @ Kinellar into the school premises again.



Lunches

A current menu for school meals can be found [here](#). This menu will run until 1st April 2021.



What should my child take to school?

Remember: Pupils will only need one pencil case. We suggest the following for pencil cases: pencils, rubbers, a set of colouring pencils OR pens and a glue stick. Scissors and compass sets are not to be brought in.

Please remind children not to bring toys or items from home at the moment. We are finding that these are often sneaking into school bags!

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.

Staff Update

We are welcoming two new PSAs to our team at Kinellar. Mrs Emer Curry and Miss Kate Davidson. They will be a great addition to our team.

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.



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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