



PLEASE READ ME

First Class

Issue 96

Honesty

Respect

Happiness

Achievement

Welcome back to session 22-23. We hope all our families have had a refreshing break and enjoyed the lovely weather we have had. We are looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow morning. The following information was sent out at the end of term, please ensure you are familiar with the updated arrangements and expectations.

Staffing

This session we will have 14 classes which means 2 classes at each stage. We have 2 probationer teachers starting with us. Miss Boulind worked in the school during her university placements so she is already familiar with some of the Kinellar pupils, and Miss Thomson has worked with The Club@Kinellar so is another familiar face.

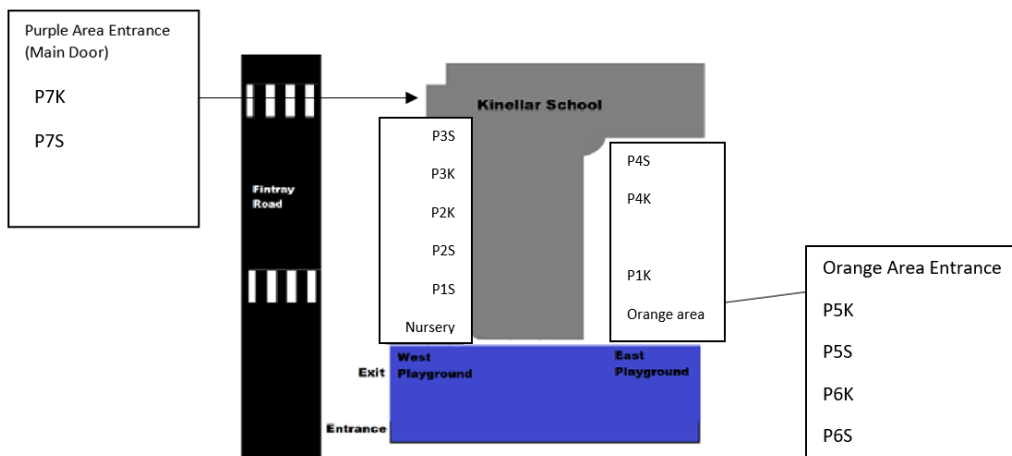
Classes

- P1K Miss Ashley Pollard
- P1S Miss Francesca Adair
- P2S Mrs Cara Martin/Mrs Sharon Driver
- P2K Miss Chay Crawford
- P3K Mrs Claire Moore/Mrs Carol Hendry
- P3S Miss Victoria Boulind /Mrs Nicola Milne
- P4K Mrs Jackie Gibb/Mrs Laura Allen
- P4S Miss Chloe Davidson
- P5K Mr Mark McConnachie
- P5S Miss Jennifer Thomson/Mrs Ruth Stannard
- P6K Mrs Joanna Garden
- P6S Miss Jess Ash/Mrs Louise Paterson
- P7K Mrs Emily Aitken (nee Atterton)
- P7S Miss Jill Callander

All classes are named K or S using the initials of Kinellar School.

First Day Back

See the diagram below for details on where your child should line up on the first day back to school. P1-4 classes will be dismissed from their classroom door at the end of the day. P5-7 classes will be dismissed from the main school entrance.



Nut Allergies

Kinellar School is now a nut free zone. We have 2 pupils joining us with nut allergies and we are sure you will understand that their health and safety is our first priority. Please do not provide snacks or packed lunches which contain any form of nuts.



Bearing this in mind, please do not hand in sweets, cakes or treats at birthdays. This is in line with healthy eating guidelines and also ensures children with allergies, intolerances and religious beliefs are not excluded.

Snacks and packed lunches

In line with the [Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in Schools](#) parents should not provide any form of confectionary (chocolate and sweets) in packed lunches or snacks. Pupils should not bring fizzy drinks or energy drinks to school. We appreciate that this can be challenging but as a Health Promoting School, we have an obligation to support the future health of our pupils. We are realistic that from time to time, a small treat is acceptable.

Timings

Our lunch times have changed slightly in order to shorten the amount of time that our PSAs are out of class.

Whole school break will be 1030-1050. The entire lunch period will be 1150 – 1325. This is broken down as follows:

Purple/Orange 1150-1245
Yellow/Blue 1230-1325

Every coloured area will have 30 minutes to eat their lunch and time to play outside.

Children will be outdoors every day, in all weathers. Please ensure they have a waterproof jacket and suitable shoes.

Uniform

Please click [here](#) to read our updated guidance on school uniform. In consultation with KSPC, we have made some significant changes to our expectations regarding uniform.

Uniform can be ordered from our supplier 'Ripples' [here](#).

Attendance communication

If your child will be absent from school, please phone and leave a message. This includes unauthorised holidays. If an absence is unexplained it is our duty to take further steps to ensure the child is safe.

We understand that from time to time learners can be late for school. Please show courtesy to the staff and learners and ensure your child arrives for school on time. Arriving late in the morning interrupts learning time and impacts on ordering of lunches and absences. This is the busiest time of the day for admin where we are doing the most important job of the day-

accounting for all the learner arriving. People arriving late to the office interferes with our ability to keep children safe and accounted for.

Please ensure your child is familiar with the arrangements for the end of the day. This should only change in the case of emergencies and the class teacher must be informed if someone different will be collecting your child. We do liaise with after school club but as an extra precaution please inform your child's teacher of the days they will be attending.

Ready to learn

In a similar way, learners should arrive with everything they need. If a learner forgets their packed lunch, they will be asked to choose a lunch on ipayimpact to ensure they are fed! If you arrive late with a lunch box for your child, the lunch may have already been ordered and you will be charged for this.

Absences

Please phone the office and leave a message to report an absence. If your child is off and you do not call, we will assume your child is missing until we have a reason for them being unaccounted for.

Keeping You Informed

Please ensure you are using Xpressions and Parents Portal. All pupils should be accessing Teams on a regular basis for homework and to share their class learning journey.



View your child's information on your mobile phone!

Aberdeenshire Council use the service Groupcall Xpressions. This service makes communication between the school and yourselves easy and effective. Groupcall Xpressions is a service created by the award-winning school communication company Groupcall Limited.

What do I need to do?

Please download the free App – Groupcall Xpressions. This can be downloaded to your phone/tablet. It currently supports both Apple iOS and Android devices (with Windows mobile to follow) and you'll be able to see information for your children.

The following link has much more information about the Xpressions App: <http://parents.groupcall.com/setup/>

Note that in order to authenticate you when setting up the App, the contact details held by the school must match those that you register with – if you get an error message when registering your details, please contact the school via kinellar.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk with the new details and we will update your child's records.

What happens next?

Once installed and set up you will be able to see the following information:

- Messages from the school delivered directly to the app
- Even if your children attend schools in different authorities, all messages can be received through the app
- Ability to reply to selected messages and complete satisfaction surveys via the app

Getting in touch with us

We would advise that immediate or time-sensitive information should never be sent via the app or email. Please call the school on the usual number (01224 472888)

Parents Portal

parentsportal.scot

What is parentsportal?

parentsportal.scot is a digital service to help replace the traditional school bag run, by providing direct communication to parents and carers through a growing suite of online services, including information about a child's education and the ability to complete transactions such as updating details or paying for school meals. parentsportal.scot has been built to provide convenience, enabling parents to access information, update details and transact at a time that suits them.

How do I register for parentsportal.scot?

If you already have a myaccount, you can sign in using your existing details. If you do not have a myaccount, go to the parentsportal.scot homepage and click on register. When registering for a myaccount for the first time, please make sure you register using your own details and not using your child's name.

After you complete the registration process, you'll be sent a one-time use password by email. You can update this to something memorable when you sign in to your account for the first time.

Registering for a myaccount takes around five minutes.

What is myaccount?

myaccount is a simple, secure way to access a range of Scottish public services online using just one username and password. Provided by the Improvement Service and funded by the Scottish government, it is completely free and entirely voluntary.

This site was launched in April 2014 and is regularly being updated as and when new service providers (from Scottish public sector organisations) choose to deliver online services. myaccount is designed to work nationwide - giving public sector

organisations across Scotland a shared, secure method of verifying who you are online.

You can find out more about myaccount by going to <https://signin.mygovscot.org>

Teams



Microsoft Teams

Every class uses Microsoft Teams to share their learning. Your child can access this through their Glow account. Login details can be found in homework diaries.

Glow will force all children to change their passwords from the **11th August**. **It is essential that this is done in school, please do not attempt to do this at home.**

When they log in there is an icon/tile for Microsoft teams. It often works best if you can download the Teams app for the device your child has access to.

Once into Teams, encourage your child to select their class. This will take you to the main (general) channel. Please get into the habit of checking this one for announcements. You should be able to see a tab on the left named Class Profile/Learning Journey. In here classes will share their learning journey throughout the year.

You can support your child to leave a comment on some of the posts or even a thumbs up so we know that you have been able to access and view them together. If you have any problems logging in please get in touch with us and we can help to sort this out.