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**Dear Parents**

We hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and well. These have been the most unusual school holidays for us all due to the lockdown and we hope that the return of digital learning will be a welcome distraction for all the children (and the adults too).

**Pupil Contact with the School**

As you are aware ACC has an attendance policy which requires parents to contact the school when their child is absent, if this does not happen then we text and then call to check everything is alright. Times are obviously very different just now, but we do still have a responsibility to check on the welfare of our children.

Aberdeen City Council have now issued schools with a clear policy on expected contact between families and schools whilst we are closed. **There is an expectation that children will access google classroom every day.** If this does not happen then detailed below are the procedures, we must follow:

Description	Action
Child has not accessed online learning via google classroom for 2 days	Groupcall message to be sent to parent requesting response
Child does not access online learning the day after the groupcall message was sent	Depute Head / Head Teacher will attempt to make phone contact.
Child continues to not access online learning, and parents have not made contact	Home School Liaison Officer to attempt to make phone contact with parents
Child continues to not access online learning, and parents have made no contact (Day 5 of no contact)	Child will be referred to ACC as missing from education (this may mean that a home visit will be made to confirm welfare of the child)

In order to make it simple for the children to 'register' each day, the class teacher will create a daily post called register on the stream, all the children have to do is type 'hello' or 'hi' on this and that will be them registered. Obviously, some younger children may require support with this. This 'registration' does not need to be done at 9.00 am but must be completed at some point during the day (evening registration is perfectly acceptable).

If your child is unwell or unable to access google classroom, please email the teacher to let them know and they can record this so that we do not have to contact you regarding their 'attendance'.

If you have any queries regarding this please do not hesitate to contact me on [gw08ironsidesusan@ab-ed.org](mailto:gw08ironsidesusan@ab-ed.org).

## **Google Classroom**

We wish to thank all that completed the online questionnaire regarding google classroom, as mentioned in previous newsletters this is a new concept for everyone and we have used the feedback we have received to make some changes to our approach. We are aware that for a variety of reasons some children are not able to access google classroom until the evening and the changes we have made should make this more accessible for them.

The work on Google Classroom will be provided by your child's class teacher and will be the most appropriate to meet their needs. All teaching staff will continue to be online in Google Classroom at the following times:

9.15 – 10.30

11.00 – 12.00

1.30 – 3.00

During these times children / parents will be able to communicate with the teacher either via email or on the class 'stream'.

All work for the day will be available for the children from 9.15 am and there will be no submission times as we were aware this caused some children anxiety.

Each day the class teacher will provide the children with three tasks / activities, these will be literacy, numeracy and either a Health and Wellbeing task or an IDL (Project) task. We also have teachers who deliver music, French and RME so there may be days when the children will have tasks provided in these areas too.

In response to feedback from the children each teacher will host a daily Google Meet, this is a video meet where all the children and teachers can chat together, at the end of this newsletter I have attached a list of the times of the meets for every class. It will be good to see the children!

It would certainly be beneficial for your child's learning for them to complete the tasks on google classroom and we would ask you to encourage them to do so. However, we understand the pressures that families are under at this time and we implore you not to try to re-create school at home, at the best of times this would be hard enough but currently this may be unrealistic.

## **Work Packs**

We will continue to upload work packs to the school website, however these will be phased out over the next few weeks as the children and families become more familiar with Google Classroom. If you have issues logging in to google classroom, please either email myself at [gw08ironsidesusan@ab-ed.org](mailto:gw08ironsidesusan@ab-ed.org) or your child's class teacher.

## **Free School Meals**

Free school meals has now moved to a voucher system, if you have any queries regarding this please phone 01225 523322, who will be able to assist with this.

## **Communication**

We will continue to use our current communication channels with families. This will be done via groupcall, Facebook and the school website. Please do not send text messages via groupcall as we have not got access to this. If you need to contact the school during the closure please email [riverbank@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:riverbank@aberdeencity.gov.uk). Our staff will continue to engage with you all during this time and as the children are using Google Classroom, they will have access to Gmail, and you can email their teacher at any time. (Attached is a list of all staffs Gmail addresses).

Please stay safe and be assured that the school staff are working very hard to ensure the children receive education during this time.

### Riverbank School

#### Teaching staff email list

<u>Class</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
P1L	Mrs Erin Lade	<a href="mailto:gw12ladeerin@ab-ed.org">gw12ladeerin@ab-ed.org</a>
P1A	Mrs Pilar Arqued	gw18arquedpilar@ab-ed.org
P1C	Miss Heather Coyle	gw18coyleheather@ab-ed.org
P2F	Mr Bruce Flanagan	gw18flanaganbruce@ab-ed.org
P2G	Mrs Maria Gregoriou	gw15gregorioumaria@ab-ed.org
P3F	Mrs Grace Farquharson	gw14amblergrace@ab-ed.org
P3D	Mr Nuno Duarte	gw17duartenuno@ab-ed.org
P3C	Mrs Aishling Coyle	gw16codyaishling@ab-ed.org
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DHT	Miss Wendy Hampton	gw09hamptonwendy@ab-ed.org
HT	Mrs Susan Ironside	gw08ironsidesusan@ab-ed.org

### Google Meet Times

<u>Class</u>	<u>Daily Meet (30 minutes)</u>
P1A	9.00 am
P1C	2.00 pm
P1L	2.30 pm
P2F	1.30 pm
P2G	10.00 am
P3C	11.15 am
P3D	11.30 am
P3F	2.00 pm
P4L	10.00 pm
P4U	2.30 pm
P5B	11.00 am
P5M	11.30 am
P6N	TBC
P6P	9.30 am
P7E	9.30 am
P7M	1.30 pm
Sunshine Room (Nurture)	2.00 pm
Link Room	2.30 pm