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## **Dear Parents**

We hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and well. We are keen to capitalise on all the creativity our families are showing during lockdown so please check out our school website to see what everyone has been up to.

### **Logging in**

When logging in to either google classroom or google meet the children must use the log in that ends @ab-ed.org if they try to log in with any other username they will be denied access.

### **Google Meets**

A wee reminder that google meets are for the children only and to take care when your child is in a meet, as all the chat in your house can be heard by all the other participants. Can I also remind parents that when in google meet the children should all be fully clothed?

I have included the daily times of the meets at the end of the newsletter.

### **Google Classroom**

We continue to be impressed by the engagement of the majority of our pupils in the tasks / activities they are asked to do by their teachers on google classroom. Their continued efforts and your support will certainly pay dividends when we do return to school.

For those children who are still finding it difficult to engage with google classroom we ask that you try your best to get them to do one or two tasks so that they can also continue to make progress along with their peers.

If you are having any technical issues with google classroom, please get in touch as we do not want a lack of technology / technical issues to be a barrier for any of our children.

### **Parental support**

Although we are contactable by email we are well aware that nothing beats a chat! Therefore, we are trialling an offer of support via phone. A member of SMT will be available between 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm on a Thursday. We are happy to answer any queries you have and if we don't know the answer, we will certainly direct you to someone who can. The telephone number is 07870484114. We will expand this service if there is a demand for this.

### **Pupil Progress Reports**

We have now been advise of a secure way that we can issue the children's progress reports which were completed by staff last term. These will be emailed to the email address we hold for you in groupcall, please email [riverbank@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:riverbank@aberdeencity.gov.uk) if this needs to be updated. The P1-P7 reports will be emailed on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of June and the nursery reports will be emailed on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Staffing**

Mrs Grace Farquharson will begin her maternity leave on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of May, P3F will then be taught online by Miss Heather Moreton.

### **P7-S1 transition**

Given our current situation those children transitioning from P7-S1 at St Machar Academy will have an online transition. Staff from St Machar Academy are already in contact with the children via their P7 google classroom, therefore it is really important that our P7 children engage with the learning in their classes. St Machar staff will be setting tasks for the children to complete which will then be completed once the children are in S1. The staff at St Machar will also organise online parent information sessions, once we have information of this we will share this with you. Again please ensure we have your up to date email address so that we can ensure we get the information to you.

### **Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Applications**

We are aware that Aberdeenshire Council ELC offers are being issued. Aberdeen City Council Early Years Team are still reviewing all applications for ELC places in order to identify the best way forward at this time. Please be assured that we will advise of placements for 2020-21 as soon as we can. Thank you for your patience.

### **P1 Transition and Induction**

We are currently working on creating a 'virtual transition' for the children who will be joining us in P1. Obviously this will look different to previous years and we will be in touch directly with our new P1 parents with further information in due course.

Can we ask that you ensure you responded to the email offering your child a place at Riverbank (for the majority of families this will have been in February) so that their place at Riverbank is assured. If you have decided that you no longer wish your child to attend Riverbank for P1 next session, please access your online account and update this and also email [riverbank@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:riverbank@aberdeencity.gov.uk)

### **Classes Next Session**

Due to our current situation it may well be very late this term before we can confirm classes and teachers for next session. As soon as we are confident the information, we share with you is accurate we will do so.

### **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 staff Gmail addresses). I am also keen to start using twitter to share the work of the classes, if you use twitter please keep an eye on @RiverbankSchoo2, which I will update this week.

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>
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### **Google Meet Times**

<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Daily Meet (30 minutes)</u></b>
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	10.00 am
P6P	9.30 am
P7E	9.30 am
P7M	1.30 pm
Link Room	2.30 pm