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Dear Parents

We hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and well. We continue to be very impressed by the work that our children and families are doing to ensure that learning continues during this period of lockdown – well done to you all. You can see a sample of this on the School website – please pay it a visit you might get some new ideas.

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.

Aberdeen City Council DSM Consultation

ACC are currently consulting with all stakeholders (of which parents are a vital part) on Devolved School Management, which defines how schools are financed and the control Head Teachers have on the funding made available to them. As part of this ACC have decided to review how they allocated staff to schools throughout Aberdeen and are proposing to make changes to how they decide on the number of staff allocated to each school. The full consultation document will be forwarded to you.

In essence this change would mean a reduction in the allocation of both teaching staff and support staff, this would see a reduction of 2 full time teachers and 2 PSAs. We are also due to reduce from 16 to classes to 14 classes so would lose an additional 2 staff due to this reduction in classes. This will have an impact on the school and the support we are able to offer your children.

Please comment on the consultation at

<https://forms.gle/11CeAjbxAxeoBws68>

The consultation closes on Friday 29th of May.

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. 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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| P1L | Mrs Erin Lade | gw12ladeerin@ab-ed.org |
| 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 | Miss Heather Moreton | gw15moretonheather@ab-ed.org |
| P3D | Mr Nuno Duarte | gw17duartenuno@ab-ed.org |
| P3C | Mrs Aishling Coyle | gw16codyaishling@ab-ed.org |
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| P7M | Mrs Gwen McGregor Mrs | gw09gardnergwen@ab-ed.org |

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Google Meet Times

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Daily Meet (30 minutes)</u> |
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| 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 |