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Dear Parents

Return in August 2020

This week you will receive a letter from Eleanor Sheppard, Chief Education Officer for Aberdeen City regarding our return to school plans for August. You will also receive a letter from ourselves which will give you details of your child's attendance in August depending on whether we return 100% and as close to normal as possible or using our contingency plan.

We will also email you a copy of the contingency plan which gives you more detail of what school would look like if we return using this. You will notice that your child may not be taught by their class teacher in this plan as we will utilise all our teaching staff to allow the children to attend as many days as possible. Any queries regarding any of these arrangements please email myself at gw08ironsidesusan@ab-ed.org.

Cromdale – September 2020

The staff at Adventure Aberdeen have now confirmed that due to Covid-19 our planned trip to Cromdale with the new P7 cohort has been cancelled. We appreciate children will be disappointed, but the health and safety of the children and staff must always come first. We will do our best to try to book again with Cromdale at some point during the P7 year, but we cannot guarantee this. If we can rebook, we will open the offer of going to all the children so those who previously did not wish to go can and vice versa.

School Uniform

A big thank you to all the parents who kindly donated their children's school uniform that they no longer use to Catalyst Church. They will now launder the uniforms ready for others to use. If you would like to access this offer of a preloved school uniform please either email abdn.north@catalyst.vin or call Scott on 07395948298 who will be able to help.

P7 Leavers

We are so looking forward to our P7 Leavers assembly on Friday, we hope to see as many of our P7s there as possible. I am so disappointed that due to Covid-19 we have not managed to get together to give the P7 children a face to face send-off, but we will certainly do this virtually!

The P7s Last Class photograph will appear in the Evening Express this evening so keep an eye out for it!

We are aware that our P7 children will have personal belongings to collect from Riverbank, these have been bagged up and once we are able to distribute these we will be in touch.

Early Learning & Childcare

We are still awaiting confirmation of guidance from the Scottish Government regarding the ELC provision, once we have this you will be contacted. It is likely that arrangements for this will be

made during the school holidays so it will be staff from the Early Years Team who will contact you rather than Riverbank School staff.

Staffing Update

We will be saying goodbye to some familiar faces at Riverbank at the end of this term. Mrs Jamieson who has worked at Riverbank since it was created and prior to that at Donbank School is retiring and will not return after the summer. Mrs Gregoriou is leaving us to start a new job at Aberdeen University and Miss Bush has now completed her probationary year and is also moving on to pastures new.

We also say goodbye to Karen Goodwin our school nurse who has moved to Lochside Academy, Roxanne Card (our Barnardos worker) and Keiron Scoular (our Active Schools Assistant) who both hope to return to full time study.

We thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the children of Riverbank School and we will certainly miss them.

We are also welcoming new staff in August, Miss Rachel Noble is joining us and she will be teaching Primary 4N, we were delighted that she made it to yesterday's meet the teacher class meet so that the children could put a face to her name. We will also be joined by Rachel Spedding our new school nurse who replaces Karen. We look forward to working with them both.

End of term / start of new term

All school staff finish for the holidays on Friday 3rd July and we will return to school on Monday 10th August. Staff will not be accessing their emails during the holidays, if you have a query of an urgent matter that cannot wait until the 10th of August you can call Aberdeen City Council's education support line on 01224 523322, who will do their best to assist you.

We hope you all have a safe and happy holiday and we really look forward to seeing the children in school in August

Mrs Susan Ironside
Head Teacher