



Riverbank Primary School
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Dear Parent or Carer,

As you are now aware all of our children will return to Riverbank School full- time in August. Below is some general information regarding our return to school.

Date	Activity
Monday 10 th August	Staff inset day
Tuesday 11 th August	Additional planning day (staff only)
Wednesday 12 th August	Orientation day (1/3 of class – group A)
Thursday 13 th August	Orientation day (1/3 of class – group B)
Friday 14 th August	Orientation day (1.3 of class – group C)
Monday 17 th August	All children attend school full time (with the exception of P1)

Orientation days

Each child has been allocated one orientation day in the first week - if you have not received this information please check your junk folder in your emails. It was emailed to the email contact we hold in our information system on Tuesday 30th of June. If you can still not find it please email riverbank@aberdeencity.gov.uk and the office staff will resend it on Monday 10th of August. Children will attend for the full day (please check the times below) and must bring a packed lunch and snack with them as there is no dinner service. Currently, children are not permitted to leave school during the lunch break, if / when this situation changes, we will let you know.

Arriving at school

Apart from parents of Nursery, Primary 1, Primary 2 and Primary 3 children no adults are permitted in the school playground. Parents of nursery, P1, P2 and P3 will receive information regarding the areas they can access when dropping off and collecting their children.

In order to minimise contact each class has been allocated an entry and exit door. A plan of the school pinpointing these will be emailed to you on Monday 10th August – this will also be available on the school website.

In order to reduce large groups of adults and children around the school we will have staggered start times, break times, and finish times, and we have also temporarily reduced lunch time to 45 minutes. Children will either start at 9.00 or 9.15 and finish at either 3.00 pm or 3.15 pm. We will continue with these hours for the foreseeable future.

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Information for your child's class hours is detailed below.

Class	Teacher	Room number	Start Time	Finish Time	Entrance / exit door
P1L	Ms Lade	6	9.00	3.00 pm	Class door
P1M	Miss Moreton	5	9.15	3.15 pm	Class door
P2A	Mrs Arqued	1	9.00	3.00 pm	Main entrance (next to reception)
P2C	Miss Cody	7	9.15	3.15 pm	Class door
P3C	Miss Coyle	9	9.15	3.15 pm	Class door
P3D	Mr Duarte	8	9.00	3.00 pm	Class door
P4L	Miss Littler	19	9.00	3.00 pm	Class door
P4F	Mr Flanagan	20	9.15	3.15 pm	Class door
P4N	Miss Noble	17	9.00	3.00 pm	Class door
P5E	Miss Elliott	18	9.15	3.15 pm	Class door
P5S	Mrs Stephenson	16	9.15	3.15 pm	Main entrance (next to reception)
P6M	Miss Miller	14	9.00	3.00 pm	Extension entrance
P6P	Mr Probart	15	9.15	3.15 pm	Family Room entrance
P7M	Mrs McGregor	13	9.15	3.15 pm	Extension entrance
P7D	Mr Dawson	12	9.00	3.00 pm	Family Room entrance
Link Room	Mrs Smith	2	9.15	3.15 pm	Dining hall door

As mentioned above a plan of the school will be emailed to parents / uploaded to the website to show you the location of these doors on Monday 10th August.

School uniform / resources

Children should wear their school uniform on their orientation days and for the school term. School uniform ordered from the school has not yet arrived. Once these arrive in school we will ask you to pay for the uniform (possibly by bank transfer) and the uniform will then be sent home with your child. Children will be provided with all the resources they will need for the school day, so we ask that in order to reduce the risk of infection that children do not bring pencils, folders, pencil cases etc to school. The children should keep to a minimum any items from home to school, so please ensure your children do not bring any toys with them.

Children should bring a filled water bottle to school with them every day – we are not able to share cups etc so they will need this to ensure they can access water during the day – this can be refilled from the taps in the classrooms.

Initially children will not need to bring gym kit or indoor shoes, we will let you know when this situation changes. Children are not expected to wear face masks in school.

Parents / adults access to school

As mentioned above parents (apart from N-P3) are not permitted to enter the school playground, and no parent will be able to access the school building. The school office will be closed to all visitors apart from those who have a pre-arranged appointment. For pre-arranged appointments you will need to share contact information in order for us to support Test and Protect should the need arise. All contact by parents with school staff will continue to be by email or by phone. The school office phone will be manned as of Monday 10th August, the number is 01224483217. Unfortunately, at this time no parent will be able to access the school building at any time.

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We will operate a one way entry / exit to and from the playground, parents and children enter via the 'back' gate – adjacent to the building under construction and exit via the front gate (near the school reception). At all times adults must ensure that they socially distance around the school.

The Lane between the school and the Lads Club remains closed to parents vehicles, it is more important than ever that parents respect this as there will be children lining up in this area to await entry to school.

Support for families / children

We are well aware that parents and children may have worries regarding the return to school, please contact us to discuss these rather than worrying about them on your own. You can either email us or call the office to arrange to speak with a member of staff.

Sickness absence

As before if your child is off sick please phone the school office to alert us of the absence and the reason for this. If your child becomes unwell during the day, we will contact you and ask you to collect them as soon as possible. It is vital that we have up to date contact details for parents and emergency contacts so that we can contact you urgently if required.

We will be following national guidance regarding Covid-19 and isolating and children should not attend school if they have any of the symptoms of Covid-19.

PPE / Hand Hygiene

Children are not expected to wear any PPE (masks, aprons or gloves) when they return to school. Should you have any queries regarding this please contact the school to discuss. Staff will not routinely wear PPE in school. There are occasions when this will be necessary and staff will have access to all the PPE they require.

Good hand hygiene remains vital for all in the school. Children / staff will either wash or sanitise their hands upon arrival and prior to departure from the school. They will also continue to observe good hand hygiene throughout the school day.

Primary 1

We are well aware that our new P1 children have not had the transition experience we would wish for them. P1 parents should also have received the information regarding their child's orientation morning (P1L - 9.00 – 12.00 and P1M 9.15 – 12.15). Each child will attend for one morning only in the first week. We will then welcome all the P1 children every morning (same hours as the orientation day) from Monday 17th August – Friday 21st August. The P1 children will then be in all day from Monday 25th August.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 no parent is permitted to enter the school building (including our new P1 parents), again we appreciate this is not ideal, but is necessary in the circumstances.

If you have not received the information regarding your child's orientation day please check your junk email folder and if it is not there send an email with your child's name and class to

riverbank@aberdeencity.gov.uk and the office staff will send you the information on Monday 10th August.

Nursery

Yesterday we received confirmation of the children who will be attending our nursery from the early years team. Returners will be contacted by nursery staff this week to discuss the orientation days.

Parents of children new to our nursery will be contacted by nursery staff at some point next week to discuss when their child can start.

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We thank you for all for your support with the changes we have had to make to the way Riverbank School works with children and families, but we must do this to ensure the children and staff return safely.

We look forward to seeing all the children at some point next week and hopefully we can help to create a bit of normality for us all.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ironside