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Dear Parents

Happy New year to you all, unfortunately we are not starting the year as we would all wish, hopefully this latest restriction to the children attending school will be short and we hope to welcome back all the children in February.

For the month of January, we will return to google classroom for all learning. We will be sending you out some information from ACC which will help you to support your child during this time. We appreciate that many parents will be working for home and balancing the work and the support for your children can be tricky – please know that we appreciate everything that you are doing to support your children educationally and more importantly emotionally.

### **Google Classroom – begins Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

All of the classes from P1 – P7 have a google classroom. Your children should have accessed this previously as this is where their homework has been posted since we returned in August. If your child does not have their google log in and password please email the teacher who will be able to inform you of this (there is an email list with all the relevant staff's email addresses at the end of this newsletter).

Each morning at 9.15 the teachers will post all of the work for the day and they will also create a post in the stream. We ask that the children say a 'hello' in the post in the stream so that staff can record this as attendance. We will continue to record attendance in this way and if children are not regularly appearing in Google Classroom, we will contact you to see how we can support this.

Each class will have a google meet everyday which the children should attend if possible, these will be recorded so if you do not wish your child to 'appear' in these please ensure they switch off their camera.

Staff will post 3 or 4 tasks per day but will be available online between 9.15 – 10.30, 11.00 – 12.00 & 1.30 – 3.00. During these times the teachers will be meeting with the children for direct teaching and support. A timetable for each class will be shared with yourselves and the children next week.

Each week we will have a whole school assembly on a Tuesday at 2.00 pm to which all the children are welcome to join.

### **Contact with school**

The most efficient way of contacting the school during our closure is via email at [riverbank@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:riverbank@aberdeencity.gov.uk). The school office is closed but if your query is urgent you can contact our office staff on 07824105064 – this number is manned between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm each day. If your child is attending the Riverbank Hub, we will contact you with an alternative number for you to contact in an emergency.

If nursery parents have an urgent query, they can contact nursery staff on 07824105067, again during the hours of 9.00 am and 3.00 pm each day.

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We will continue to issue weekly newsletters during this closure period and hope to be able to share some of the learning the children participate in through google classroom on the school website.

### **Free School Meals**

Aberdeen City Council will again issue vouchers for those children whose parents have applied for free school meals. We understand the first of these will be issued to families on Friday. You can apply for free school meals via Aberdeen City Council's website.

### **Short Term Device Loan**

We have a small number of devices that we can lend to families to allow their children to access google classroom. If this is something, we can help with please complete the google form below and we will be in touch to offer support.

<https://forms.gle/Mih3qeHfVLU236Pk7>

### **Riverbank Childcare Hub**

Every school in Aberdeen has created a childcare hub to provide support for Key Workers' children. In order to qualify for this both parents (or sole parent if a single parent family) must be key workers as categories by the Scottish Government. The Scottish Government are very clear that at the moment the safest place for children to be is at home, therefore, children only attend the childcare hub on days when their parent(s) attend their workplace. If you wish to apply for this support, please complete the form below. We require information regarding your workplace contacts as we are obliged to check the information we are given, once we have assessed your application we will be in touch to let you know if we are able to offer a place.

<https://forms.gle/1Njm5q2U5Jcgmfbf6>

As always please keep safe and well and if we can be of any help and support please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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