



Riverbank Primary School
Dill Road
Tillydrone
ABERDEEN
AB24 2XL

<http://www.riverbank.aberdeen.sch.uk>

Telephone 01224 483217

Email:riverbank@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs S Ironside



20.01.21

Dear Parents

I am sure you are aware that the school will remain closed to the majority of our pupils beyond the original return date of the 1st of February. In light of this we have made some changes to our approach to online learning to better suit the needs of the children. We have detailed these below.

Google Classroom – online learning

We have made the following changes to our approach to online learning:

- Work will be ‘tagged’ with the date issued to make it easier to locate
- Staff will no longer all be online at the same set times (we know this can cause an issue with children sharing devices), they will be online at various times throughout the day – these times will be shared with classes

Please try to remember that the purpose of google classroom is not to recreate a school day with the children.

Below is information regarding the maximum amount of time a child should **spend online** depending on a child’s age and stage of development.

ELC – maximum of 1 hour per day, broken into small chunks.

P1-P3 – maximum of 1.5 hours, 6 x 15-minute chunks

P4-P7 – maximum of 2 hours

We are also introducing a ‘Wellbeing Wednesday’. On a Wednesday the children will still have a literacy and numeracy task, but these will be less time consuming for the children. This will free up time for the children to focus on their Health and Wellbeing. The teachers will share a grid of health activities that the children can then choose from.

On a daily basis children will be given 3 tasks to do, staff will ensure that there is a balance of different activities and these will not necessarily include a worksheet or a written task. Please encourage your children to play the online games the teachers direct them to as these have been selected as they are educational.

Communication with staff

The easiest way to communicate with staff just now is via email – email addresses are at the end of this newsletter. Obviously, staff are busy with online learning, but they will endeavour to reply to all emails within 24 hours.

Parents should not post queries in the stream on google classroom and if this happens staff will ask you to send your query by email.

**Riverbank Primary School
Dill Road
Tillydrone
ABERDEEN
AB24 2XL**

<http://www.riverbank.aberdeen.sch.uk>

Telephone 01224 483217

Email: riverbank@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs S Ironside

Google Meets

When your child is in a google meet, they should be the only person to appear on screen - parents can not access these (with the exception of the whole school assembly). Staff will remove your child from a meet if they see anyone other than the child on the screen. A reminder that the children should be clothed when in the meet.

Reminder - Google Classroom – registering attendance.

Aberdeen City Council have updated their procedures registering pupil attendance. Each class teacher will create a post in the stream at 9.15 called 'Register' this will also be dated. Every child must comment in the stream to be marked as present. This should be done by 12 noon. If this is not the case our normal attendance procedures will be followed. If your child is unable to access google classroom because they are unwell, please either email the school or you child's teacher to let them know.

Last week we had 72% of our children log in to google classroom every day, this means that almost 30% of children are not engaging with schoolwork on a daily basis. Please encourage your child to log on and engage with the learning.

P1 enrolment

Enrolment for children due to start Primary 1 in August 2021 starts today until Friday 22nd of January. You access the enrolment form at the link below on Aberdeen City Council's website.

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/starting-primary-1>

Nursery Enrolment

Online applications for Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) places will go live from 25th January 2021 and close on 18th February 2021. You can apply for a place for your child at:

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/apply-nursery-school-place-202122>

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

Mrs Susan Ironside
Head Teacher

Riverbank Primary School
Dill Road
Tillydrone
ABERDEEN
AB24 2XL

<http://www.riverbank.aberdeenschool.org.uk>

Telephone 01224 483217

Email: riverbank@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs S Ironside

Riverbank School
Teaching staff email list

<u>Class</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
P1L	Ms Erin Lade	gw12ladeerin@ab-ed.org
P1M	Miss Heather Moreton	gw15moretonheather@ab-ed.org
P1/2A	Mrs Pilar Arqued	gw18arquedpilar@ab-ed.org
P2C	Miss Aishling Cody	gw16codyaishling@ab-ed.org
P2/3D	Mrs Alison Henderson (M-W) Mrs Elaine Spry (Th & F)	gw11hendersonalison@ab-ed.org gw09spryelaine2@ab-ed.org
P3C	Miss Heather Coyle	gw18coyleheather@ab-ed.org
P4F	Mr Bruce Flanagan	gw18flanaganbruce@ab-ed.org
P4L	Miss Jayne Littler	gw17littlerjayne@ab-ed.org
P4N	Miss Rachel Noble & Mrs Susan Carr	gw20noblerachel@ab-ed.org gw11carrsusan@ab-ed.org
P5S	Mrs Cleo Stephenson	gw14stephensoncleo@ab-ed.org
P5E	Miss Joanna Elliott	gw09elliottjoanna@ab-ed.org
P6M	Miss Katie Miller	gw10millerkatie@ab-ed.org
P6P	Mr Stuart Probart	gw08probartstuart@ab-ed.org
P7M	Mrs Gwen McGregor Mrs Joyce NG	gw09gardnergwen2@ab-ed.org gw08ngjoyce@ab-ed.org
P7D	Mr Alex Dawson	gw16dawsonalex@ab-ed.org
Link Room	Mrs Eleanore Smith	gw14smitheleanore@ab-ed.org
PT	Mrs Louise Robb	gw13macaulaylouise@ab-ed.org
DHT	Mrs Maree Innes	gw08innesmaree@ab-ed.org
DHT	Mrs Sarah Sunley	gw08sunleysarah01@ab-ed.org

Riverbank Primary School

Dill Road

Tillydrone

ABERDEEN

AB24 2XL

<http://www.riverbank.aberdeenschools.gov.uk>

Telephone 01224 483217

Email: riverbank@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs S Ironside

DHT	Mrs Carol Baxter	gw09baxtercarol2@ab-ed.org
DHT	Miss Wendy Hampton	gw09hamptonwendy@ab-ed.org
HT	Mrs Susan Ironside	gw08ironsidesusan@ab-ed.org