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Dear Parents

I hope everyone continues to be well despite the wintry conditions we have been facing. Fingers crossed spring will not be far away. I am sure most of you will have tuned into the First Ministers announcement where she confirmed that Nursery and Primary 1-3 pupils are to return to school from 22nd February 2021. I am sure you are as delighted as we are to see a step forward.

I realise there are many families where this will mean some children are in school while some remain at home. Not an easy situation to be in but Riverbank School staff will continue to support the online learning of P4-7 pupils through google classroom.

Below are details of how the return will work but we have kept routines the same as December to avoid confusion. One of the main points I want to highlight is that it is essential that all families follow safety guidance at drop off and pick up times.

Families must maintain 2m from anyone who is not in their household bubble.

Mixing of adults presents a significant risk to the school community so we ask for your support to ensure that everyone continues to follow Scottish Government safety advice. ***We also ask that siblings do not accompany the children to school if at all possible and that only one adult comes in to the playground for drop off and pick up.***

We will continue to operate the one way system in the playground and adults must wear a face covering when dropping off and picking up. Members of the Senior Management Team will be in the playground to offer support and reminders, please do not be offended if you are approached regarding this as we are doing our best to keep everyone safe.. Please alert them if you have any concerns.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure the best for the Riverbank Community.

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School Start and Finish Times

Please find the start and finish times of each year group below. We ask parents to remember to wear a face covering (unless exempt) and maintain 2m social distance at all times when on the school grounds. **If possible only one person should come in to the playground to drop off / pick up.**

P1L - Mrs Lade - enter via external class door

Start: 9.00 am

Finish: 3.00 pm

P1M - Miss Moreton - enter via external class door

Start: 9.15 am

Finish: 3.15 pm

P1/2A - Mrs Arqued - enter via main entrance next to reception

Start: 9.00 am

Finish: 3.00 pm

P2C - Miss Cody - enter via external class door

Start: 9.15 am

Finish: 3.15 pm

P2/3D - Mrs Henderson / Mrs Spry - enter via external class door

Start: 9.00 am

Finish: 3.00 pm

P3C - Mrs Locherty - enter via external class door

Start: 9.15 am

Finish: 3.15 pm

Primary 4 - 7 Hubs - enter via external class door (room 19 & room 20)

Start: 9.15 am

Finish: 3.15 pm

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Nursery Start and Finish Times

Please find the start and finish times of nursery below. We ask parents to remember to wear a face covering (unless exempt) and maintain 2m social distance at all times when on the school grounds. **If possible only on person should accompany the children for drop off and pick up.**

Yellow & Blue nursery - enter / exit via nursery garden near P1 classes

Red & Green nursery - enter / exit via nursery garden near Nursery entrance

Morning Nursery

Start - 8.30 am- 9.00 am

Finish - 11.10 am- 11.40 am

Afternoon Nursery

- Start - 12.40 pm – 1.00 pm
- Finish - 3.20 pm - 3.50pm

Breakfast Club

The breakfast club will only be operating for Keyworker children or children accessing the P4-P7 hub. There is a charge for this service. If you have any queries regarding this please contact Dorothy Burnett at dorburnett@aberdeencity.gov.uk

School Lunches

Normal school lunch service will be in place from Monday. The menu will be available on the school website by the end of the week. Free School Meals are available to all P1-3 pupils. The current lunch provision for children attending our School Hub will continue. Children have the option of taking a packed lunch to school but cannot be collected for a home lunch.

What to take to school

Please send your children to school in warm, waterproof clothing. Despite the weather, Outdoor Learning will play a large part in the return curriculum and, unless extreme conditions, children will be outside at break and lunchtimes.

Children should take as little to school as possible, all stationery and resources will be provided for them. Every child should bring a water bottle with them to school as we are not allowed to use shared cups. The children will be encouraged to drink throughout the day and to refill their bottles regularly.

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As children may be wearing boots / wellies outside, they may bring a pair of gym shoes to change in to but these must be taken home with them each day.

Children should bring a snack with them for break time, as before the children have to take all wrappings etc home with them so it may be a good idea to give them a small bag for this purpose.

How we are keeping everyone safe.

Measures in place will continue to include:

- High standards of hygiene, including regular handwashing and sanitising throughout the school day
- 2m social distancing between adults and between primary children and adults
- Keep left system for moving around the school
- All adults will wear a face mask (unless exempt) if they cannot maintain 2m social distancing
- All parents should wear a face covering when on school grounds (unless exempt) and follow 2m social distancing guidance
- Social distancing between classes in the dining hall
- Classes will be in zones for break and lunch times to prevent mixing
- Windows will be open to support increased ventilation. School staff will monitor temperatures to ensure it doesn't get too cold
- Resources will be cleaned regularly and there will be limited sharing
- New Measure: All school staff have been offered twice weekly testing

Full details of measures in place can be found in our Risk Assessment on the Riverbank Website.

Primary 4 - Primary 7 Children

The majority of our Primary 4 - Primary 7 children will continue to access learning via google classroom. Teaching staff will continue to upload tasks & activities for the children to engage with to continue their learning. We hope to hear soon that we will be able to welcome back to school the P4-P7 children and will keep you informed of any news we receive regarding this.

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School Holidays/Closures

Easter Holidays

Monday 29 March 2021 - Friday 9 April 2021

May Holiday

Monday 3 May 2021

Inset Training (School Closed to pupils) Tuesday 4 May 2021

Term 4 ends: Friday 25 June 2021

Contact Us

Class teachers are contactable through the Google Classroom or their Gmail account.

You can find all the teaching staff Gmail addresses at the link below

<https://riverbank.aberdeen.sch.uk/blogs/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Teaching-Staff-Gmail-address.pdf>

To advise us of a child's absence please call 01224 483217. Alternatively you can also email the school on riverbank@aberdeencity.gov.uk

You can visit our website at: <https://riverbank.aberdeen.sch.uk/blogs/>

Or follow us on Twitter using the handle: @RiverbankSchool2

We also have a Facebook page, which you can ask to join, at 'Riverbank School Information Page'

Riverbank School Phone lines are open between 8.30 am and 3.30 pm on 01224 483217