



Banchory Bulletin 14 August

Thank you to everyone for working with us to give the children such a positive start back to school this week. What a fantastic school community! Considering what everyone has been through, the atmosphere in school has seemed really calm.

Please see an updated checklist to remind you of our expectations to keep the whole school community safe.

Checklist

The school risk assessment may be accessed by following this link. It will be reviewed regularly by our RA working group. <https://banchory-pri.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/covid-19-information/>

As part of our safety procedures, please take note of the following points:

- School and Nursery parents and carers are not to park in the school car park, this is for staff only. It is essential we keep this clear throughout the school day. Dropping off children or picking them up by car, in the staff car park is not allowed.
- Young children should be supervised at all times by parents when crossing the car park. We had a few issues with young children scooting across on their scooters and cycling across. For a completely safe route, it is possible to go along the path at the side of the field.
- For older children cycling, a reminder to wear a cycle helmet and to push the bike until out of school grounds. We have over seven different taxi or buses as part of school transportation and it is a very busy car park.
- Parents should not park on the double yellow lines, we do have police spot checks but should not need to regularly remind parents of this rule. Parking is available at the British Legion building.
- Parents and carers should not be standing in the playground after dropping off their children. Please leave the school premises as soon as your child is collected.
- All parents should be mindful of the 2m social distancing rule when dropping off or picking up children. All adults are expected to follow this rule.
- No parents should access the school office unless in case of an emergency.
- banchory.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk is the contact email address. 01330 700370 is the school phone number. 07917086665 is the HT's work mobile.
- This is the link to the government guidance issued to schools: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-preparing-start-new-school-term-august-2020/>
- Pupils should be wearing school sweatshirt tops or school uniform tops and not hoodies. Should you wish assistance with this, please contact the school office. Casual bottoms are ok as the children will hopefully be outdoors as much as possible. Please ensure your child is prepared for Scottish weather, like our hardy Nursery children, they will be outdoors in all types of weather unless very extreme. It is essential that your child has a waterproof jacket.
- Children must bring a water bottle to school and this may be refilled at the water fountains. Teachers will encourage the children to take this to lunch and to the playground to avoid unnecessary trips back and forth to the building.
- Sanitisers, soaps, creams etc should all be clearly labelled and we appreciate your support with this.
- As yet we are not sending reading books home but we are looking at our longer term plans.
- We have a daily 3 hour period of enhanced cleaning from 10.30 to 1.30.
- Class teachers are encouraged to give adequate time to allow children to follow hand washing routines.
- Lunches take place in several locations across school and are supervised by adults wearing face coverings.
- It is too difficult for younger children to physically distance from adults but the older children have been made aware that where possible, they should respect the distancing rule.
- Staff may or may not wear facemasks, this is dependent on several factors as well as individual risk.
- We have rotated year groups playing in zones on the field and in the playgrounds (with exceptions for composite classes and a few individuals) to limit physical contact between different ages but overall this has worked well.
- It is our intention for the class teachers to keep communicating with parents via their online platforms, e.g. Seesaw.
- Physical homework will not take place for the foreseeable future. There is a rule around books from home to school but we have not started doing this yet as need time to discuss as a staff.

Week 1

Banchory Primary School



Staffing

Welcome to Mrs Clare Barr who joins the PSA team and to Mrs Tara Shearer who is the cluster resource teacher. Tara will work in P4 to cover Mrs Anne Walker's absence Monday to Thursday, with Mr John Hughes teaching the class on a Friday.

We will be extremely sorry to lose Mrs Christine Durno and Mrs Monica Burnett from our PSA team. We will miss them very much. We will acknowledge their years of dedication to the children of BPS soon.

Families

We would like to welcome several new families to Banchory Primary School and look forward to having a virtual meeting or event in the near future.

New Starts and Leavers

Last year's P7s are invited back to pick up their work, but we are not yet allowed to have an event. Well done to the P1 team for giving the new P1s such a wonderful start to school.

Responsibilities

DHT, Mr Ken Girdwood will be leading the P1-3 team, DHT, Mr John Hughes the P4-6 team. PT, Mrs Gill Jones is class committed but will hopefully be able to continue leading forward the digital learning work.

Expectations

Please let us know of any difficult family circumstances or issues that may affect your child's ability to learn at this time and we will support as appropriate. Although this week has been a positive start, we are aware that children may be more tired with a full week. It is essential that children come to school well rested, having had breakfast and ready for the day. All class teachers will agree a 'class charter' with their pupils and recap on behaviour routines and expectations.

Resources

When outdoor resources/equipment needs to be shared, hand sanitising or washing will take place immediately after use.

Illness

Should any pupil display symptoms, they will then wait in the designated isolation room. Parents will be contacted and asked to follow the self-isolation guidance and book a test. Parents should be aware of possible symptoms: a new cough, a high temperature, and changes in the sense of taste/smell.

Term One

Please be reassured that although these measures are in place, we will all be supporting the children through the new routines and protocols in a sensitive and nurturing manner. We will also share more information about learning and progress as we go along.

Thank you for your ongoing support. For individual queries, please send an email to:

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