

**Banchory Bulletin 21st August**

Well done to all the children for making it through their first full week at school after such a long period of uncertainty and change! We are delighted to have our new nursery and P1 children settle in so quickly. We have welcomed a number of new families to school and hope that you are enjoying the move. A big thanks too, to all the staff for planning so many exciting and varied outdoor activities, this is the healthiest way to approach the return to school. Please can you help by ensuring your child comes to school with a waterproof jacket each day, thanks.

Reminder

School Risk Assessment updated: <https://banchory-pri.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/covid-19-information/>

Reminder

We appreciate your support with the following requests during this time.

- Parents and carers need to vacate the playground immediately after dropping off their children. Please also 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. Face coverings may be worn, this is a personal choice.
- Parents should not 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/>

Illness

As is typical for this time of year, we have had a few children going home ill or absent with cold symptoms. At this point, any families who have undergone the covid-19 testing have been back in touch with us to inform us of the negative results. Thank you for your cooperation with this. Parents should be aware of possible covid symptoms: a new cough, a high temperature, and changes in the sense of taste/smell. Tests are easily obtained and communication between families and school appreciated.

Term One

We hope to focus on sharing news around the joy of learning and your child's progress in the coming weeks. Please continue to keep in touch with your class teacher(s) via the online app and/or emails to the school office, whilst these class Seesaw blogs are being established. At the moment a large part of our job is focussing on the mental wellbeing, health and safety of your children. Thank you for your ongoing support. For individual queries, please send an email to:

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