



# Uryside School News

*The life of the school*

**Week beginning: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**We hope you all enjoyed the ‘summer’ break and we look forward to welcoming all our pupils back to Uryside School. The national, and local, situation remains ever changing and we thank you for your patience as school aims to deliver you with the most detailed, up to date, information that we can. We appreciate there are many questions that may require answering which is why we have put together this Sway presentation which we hope answers the vast majority of them:**

<https://sway.office.com/wAUE2XmXvBvhSc7F?ref=Link>

Please allow your children to view and familiarise themselves with the videos and information on the presentation before they attend Uryside School.

From Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> August we are having an orientation week where each class will be split into different groups (red, yellow and blue) to limit the number of pupils entering the school in the hope this makes returning to school a bit easier for all of our pupils.

Prior to the summer holidays, all parents were notified of their child’s class, teacher and group. Please contact the school office if you did not receive this information.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August – Red group pupils only please arrive and depart as identified below.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August – Yellow group pupils only, please arrive and depart as per times identified below.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August – Blue Group pupils only, please arrive and depart as per times identified below.

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August, all pupils are per arrival and departure times below:

### **For arrival and departure times**

Group 1 – P3A, P4A, P4/5, P6A, P7A Arrival 8.45-8.55/ Departure 2.45

Group 2 – P3B, P4B, P5, P6B, P7B Arrival 9.00-9.10/ Departure 3.00

Group 3 – P1A\*, P1B\*, P1C\*, P1\*/2, P2A, P2B Arrival 9.15-9.25/

Departure 3.15

\*\* P1 will follow an alternate pattern for the first few weeks  
Please see Sway presentation for more information, again details of your child's grouping was issued prior to the summer holidays.

## **Nursery**

Getting to know you appointments will commence from 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> August these will allow pupils and parents to meet your child's key worker and complete any necessary paperwork.

Weeks beginning 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August will be transition weeks with pupils only in nursery for 1 and 2 hour sessions. A reminder that it is paramount to please adhere to the drop off and pick up times communicated to you, also the entry and exit points for the nursery (this will be the nursery entrance A or B) This is to ensure the safety of all. All communications were via SeeSaw and please contact the school office or the Nursery Team if you didn't receive this or have any issues accessing them.

## **Status of the Classes from August 2020**

Nursery - Ms Cheryl Pow (Senior Practitioner), Mrs Gemma Latto (Lead Practitioner); Ms Ashton McCouaig (Lead Practitioner currently on maternity leave); Mrs Wendy McCann (practitioner); Ms Lauren McIntosh (practitioner); Ms Kerry Thomson (practitioner); Ms Lana Brown (practitioner); Ms Katie Harkin (practitioner)

P1A – Ms Emma Jack

P1B – Mrs Joanne Kinghorn/ Mrs Maggie Fowler

P1C – Ms Lynsey Kelman

P1/2 – Mrs Claire Scott

P2A – Ms Emma Sim/Mrs Sheila Johnston

P2B – Ms Nikki Philip

P3A- Mrs Holly MacLeod

P3B – Ms Jennifer Anderson

P4A – Ms Isla Stewart

P4B – Ms Hannah Stewart

P4/5 – Mrs Gaye Stevenson

P5 – Ms Clare Higgins

P6A – Mrs Sarah Christie

P6B – Ms Jilly Davidson

P7A – Mrs Lynne Paterson

P7B – Ms Jen Power

Information on composite classes is available [here](#).

## **Procedures in Place to comply with National Health and Safety Guidelines in relation to COVID 19 and return to school:**

- Pupils must adhere to the arrival and departure times as detailed above and enter via their classroom.
- Any pupil late must report to the school office after 9.30am
- Parents and other adults are not allowed on the school campus (with the exception of the drop off/collection areas identified for nursery, Primary 1 and Primary 2 parents)
- The school car park is for staff, maintenance, school transport or delivery vehicles only
- The 'delivery' car park at the rear of the school is closed to all cars and vehicles.
- The staircase leading to Peregrine Drive/Osprey Village will remain closed, please see the entry points as detailed on the Sway Presentation above.
- Timetabled handwashing slots throughout the school day.
- Automatic hand sanitisers at all entry and exit points. Additional bottles in pump sprays at all classroom exit and entry points.
- All adults to socially distance at 2m and meetings with parents to be conducted over the phone or via video conferencing.

Please do not send your child to school if they, or someone from your household, is displaying any of the related COVID 19 symptoms:

- continuous cough
- fever/high temperature (37.8C or greater)
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste (anosmia)

A new continuous cough is where you:

- have a new cough that's lasted for an hour
- have had 3 or more episodes of coughing in 24 hours
- are coughing more than usual

A high temperature is feeling hot to the touch on your chest or back (you don't need to measure your temperature). You may feel warm, cold or shivery.

A self help guide is available here along with advice on what to do if you are experiencing any of these symptoms:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/self-help-guides/self-help-guide-coronavirus-covid-19>

Please follow the 14 days quarantine rules in place should you have entered the country from abroad. These rules apply to your children also if they accompanied you on your visit. The list of country exemptions is available here:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-public-health-checks-at-borders/pages/exemptions/>

## **Return to School Resources**

When pupils return to school in August, the sharing of resources will need to be kept to an absolute minimum. As a result, we are asking parents to provide the following for each child in their care:

**Back to school resources Primary pupil:**

- Flat type pencil case containing:
- Writing pencils, colouring pencils, rubber, sharpener, ruler, glue stick, colouring pens
- Ear bud headphones
- Hand cream (if skin sensitive)
- Hand soap (if skin sensitive)
- Box/packet of tissues
- Reading book, activity book or like wise for a wet playtime

**Outdoor clothing suitable for all weathers (to be worn by pupils each day or kept in school bags):**

- Wellies or waterproof shoes
- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Suncream

**Back to school resources Nursery pupil:**

- Joggers/leggings so children can be comfy and enjoy all activities on offer and to support independent toileting.
- You need to bring a coat each day for outdoor play in the garden and walks.
- A puddle suit and Wellies. (We love outdoor play in all weathers at Uryside Nursery!)
- A pair of indoor shoes- Black gym shoes or equivalent. These need to be Velcro or slip on to support children to be independent.
- A small rucksack with a full change of clothes.
- If you child requires nappy changing, nappies/wipes need to be provided in a box. (shoebox is fine)
- You will need a sunhat or hat/scarf/gloves depending on weather.

Please name all items.

A full letter detailing the return to school arrangements was issued to all families this week, a copy of the letter is available [here](#).

### **School Uniform – online orders**

Uryside school is working with the following suppliers for online ordering of school uniforms. It's <https://www.pomprintdesigns.com/primary-schools/ury-side-school> or [www.schoolwearmadeeasy.co.uk](http://www.schoolwearmadeeasy.co.uk) (offer free home delivery on all items). We strongly recommend that you select the home delivery method, as distributing uniforms via the school office is extremely difficult during the current lockdown situation.

### **Return to school support for Parents to support their children**


Please find below links to a variety of resources that we hope you might find useful in supporting your child in returning to school in August. Please familiarise your child with the orientation videos found on the sway presentation. On SeeSaw, we previously sent videos of your child's new classroom and welcoming videos from class teachers.

[Returning to School worries leaflet and guidance](#)

[Psychological First Aid and taking care of yourself](#)

[Supporting Autistic learners return to school](#)

[Helping your child back to school after lockdown](#)



From mountain to sea

### Educational Psychology Service


Our phone service for parents/carers and professionals will continue to operate throughout the summer break. If you would like to talk through any education or wellbeing concerns about a child or young person then please get in touch:

Available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9am to 3pm

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Call us on **01779 403721**

If you would prefer us to call you, please email [eps@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:eps@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) with your name and number.  
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/as/aberdeenshireeps/>



## ParentsPortal.scot

In support of Aberdeenshire Council's ambition to offer more digital services to its residents, Aberdeenshire schools are rolling out a new online service called **parentsportal.scot**. **Parentsportal.scot** is designed to replace the paper 'schoolbag run', giving a child's registered main contact access to a range of school-related online services, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you would like to complete the annual data check process electronically this year, please can we ask that you sign up by Friday 28 August 2020.

For further information, guidance and access to **parentsportal.scot**, please click on the link below:-

[\*\*Aberdeenshire/parentsportal.scot\*\*](#)

## School meals provision for return of pupils to classes

Our Catering Teams are looking forward to welcoming everyone back and providing you with nutritious school lunches again.

The provision of primary school meals will start with a tailored menu for the first two weeks of term, allowing our team to plan for different scenarios as we move forward in an ever-changing environment. School lunch is an important social aspect for our pupils and has been sorely missed during the 20-week absence.

A copy of the tailored menu is available via this web [link](#) or from your school directly. Queries for dietary requirements will be managed onsite by your school catering team.

Due to current COVID-19 guidelines we require your support to restrict the handling of cash in schools to reduce the transmission of COVID – 19. Please can we ask all parents to register prior to the start of term to make online payments. To register or make payment please follow this link - <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/meals/online-payments/>



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