



Uryside School News

The life of the school

Week ending: Friday 14th August 2020

It has been great seeing our pupils returning to school this week. There have been so many smiling, happy faces (even from the children too!). Thank you for all of the really positive comments complimenting us on our efforts and measures to protect staff and pupils. We appreciate these changes do take time for us all to get used to.

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

From Monday 17th 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

Weeks beginning 17th and 24th 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.

Car Parking

The school car park is for staff, disabled access, maintenance, school transport or delivery vehicles only. This is to comply with national track and trace measures.

Can we ask that vehicles are not parked along Gadieburn Drive as this is a designated drop off point for our Primary 2 and P1/2 classes.

We appreciate this leaves limited options but if pupils must be brought by car then please can you park with consideration of our neighbouring households. It has been so encouraging to see many people walking and cycling to school; even during thunderstorms!

The 'delivery' car park at the rear of the school remains closed to all vehicles to enable pupils to travel safely across it.

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)
- No parent/visitor car parking within school grounds.
- 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.
- Regular review of risk assessments as indicated by national and local authority guidance.

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 below 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 recently 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/>

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 (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.

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](https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/parentsportal.scot)

School meals provision

The 2 week 'Tailored' menu cycle currently running will now continue for an additional two weeks until Friday the 4th of September. We will review future menu plans as we move forward. A copy of the tailored menu is available via this web [link](#). Queries for dietary requirements will be managed onsite by your school catering team.

Eat out to Help out - School Meals

Parents/ pupils will be able to get discounts on school meals in Aberdeenshire thanks to the UK Government's Eat Out to Help Out scheme.

The initiative has been established to support restaurants and cafes by offering a 50% discount to customers on food and drink in exchange for

helping a local eatery. The scheme also applies to school canteens allowing parents and carers to obtain the discount for school meals and drinks selected by pupils.

It will be available to parents and carers to use in Aberdeenshire's schools from the 17th to 31st of August.

During this period the on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday the price of a primary school meal will be available at £1.25. These tariffs will be set on the system centrally.

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/>

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge finishes on **Saturday 22nd August**. It is always good to evaluate what we have done and if we can learn from the way we have done the challenge this year. All feedback is much appreciated

Here is a link to the evaluation form for this year's challenge, please can I ask you to forward on to anyone you know that has taken part in the Challenge or if you are willing to fill it in with any feedback you might have:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ_i1NCUSVndDttzBKC1VdSRL3INCvEy40vMM_zdUOE5OWkU0TEtNMFRMSEswR0k2TTc0VVVHVvi4u



Rag Bag

Thank you to everyone who has been filling and donating clothes to the Rag Bag collection bin at the rear of the school. £84 was raised from the last collection.



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