



# Uryside School News

*The life of the school*

**Week ending: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020**

**In the weeks ahead we will be reviewing our staggered arrival and finishing times. We appreciate these are tricky to manage for families with siblings coming in and out of school at different times. However, with COVID rates remaining high within the Grampian region, our focus remains on keeping Uryside Community as safe as we can and school reopen for as long as we can.**

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

From Monday 24<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/ 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**

The boys and girls have settled really well into nursery this week. It has been great seeing so many happy faces. Next week, 24<sup>th</sup> August, remains a 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.

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

## **Adult visitors to our school office**

Any adult, unless employed at Uryside School, that enters our school via the office, nursery or other entry needs to complete a track and trace form (there is an online version available via a QR code). This is a national requirement introduced by the Scottish Government. For this reason, could all enquires be made via phonecall or email. Contact details are found at the end of this newsletter. Thank you.

## **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/>

## **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 has received feedback that a number of parents have been having issues trying to create an account. Please see further guidance issued [here](#) which we hope will assist you.

## **Uryside ASN Parent Group**

We are a group of parents who all have children in Uryside School with a variety of additional support needs. These range from mild learning difficulties to more complex and challenging needs. We plan this year 2020/2021 to meet every two months to discuss any issues we have at

home and at school, give each other support, offer each other any advice and resources available that we have collected and share our experiences with each other. We work in partnership with the school, meeting with Mrs Dodd and school staff in 'Getting It Right' for our children. We communicate with each other via email and a really handy WhatsApp group, this is a chance for us to let off some steam and really share the nitty gritty with each other. It is a great sounding board and a place where what you say is safe as we have all been there.

### **Next Meeting via Zoom – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 7pm**

To be added to our group or for further information please email

[urysideasparents@gmail.com](mailto:urysideasparents@gmail.com)

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

The Summer Reading Challenge finishes on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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\\_i1NCUSVndDttzBKC1VdSRLe3INCvEy40vMM\\_zdUOE5OWkU0TEtNMFRMSEswR0k2TTc0VVVHVHVi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ_i1NCUSVndDttzBKC1VdSRLe3INCvEy40vMM_zdUOE5OWkU0TEtNMFRMSEswR0k2TTc0VVVHVHVi4u)



### **Sponsored Bounce**

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and helped to raise funds for our sponsored bounce. The total raised £1,580.30. This has been used to provide additional equipment for our MUGA e.g. basketball nets and football goals. We still welcome any sponsor money still at home.



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