



Uryside School News

The life of the school

Week Ending: Friday 28st August 2020

Please note the slight changes we are making to arrival and departure times starting next week. The aim is to try and limit times families are waiting between siblings times but also still minimise the amount of traffic around the school.

From Monday 31st August:

Group 1 – P3A, P4A, P4/5, P6A, P7A – drop off 8.50/ collection 2.50 (5 minutes later for both)

Group 2 - P3B, P4B, P5, P6B, P7B – drop off 9.00/ collection 3.00 (same times)

Group 3 – All P1 and P2 classes – drop off 9.10/ collection 3.10 (5 minutes earlier for both)

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

Nursery

Full nursery sessions commence from Monday 31st August. Please ensure you stick to the allocated times and drop off points. Those using entry point 2 MUST wait at the playground gate to be escorted by a member of staff and the gate must be kept closed at all times.

If your child is going to be absent please phone the school office to let us know. Thank you.

School Improvement Survey

We work hard to continually improve the education of all of our pupils at Uryside School, your support as parents is vitally important to this process. Each year we identify our priorities for improvement and plan change accordingly. This year we are asking for your input into our priorities for last year as well as helping us to move forward together. Your views are really important to us and will make a difference to improvement at Uryside School. Please take this very short survey in support of this:

[Parent Questionnaire](#)

Parental Support and Engagement

Many thanks to all the parents who have helped the school since returning – especially Mr McIntosh who sanitised the school prior to opening. We are requesting volunteer parents to support us at weekends and evenings in improving our grounds and facilities as well as enhancing what we can offer to our pupils. Please contact the school office if you are free to support us. Thank you.

SeeSaw and Homework

All new SeeSaw codes will be returned home with pupils. This will enable parents to access welcome presentations from each class. From Monday 31st August, each class will also begin posting home learning tasks in accordance with our home learning policy which can be found [here](#).

All completed home learning must be posted on SeeSaw for teachers to provide feedback. Please do not send in any complete worksheets or jotters for teachers to mark.

In addition to this, we have created a termly Key Facts sheet for each class which is a great way to support your child's numeracy learning. These can be accessed [here](#).

Absence from school

As we approach the typical colds and Norovirus season we will inevitably see an increase in pupils being absent from school despite the increase in hand washing and cleaning! During this return to school period, we are asking all parents to be extra cautious and only send pupils to school who are free from any colds, sickness or symptoms. A guide to absence periods for a range of common illnesses can be found [here](#).



We do expect a greater number of pupils to be absent because of this. Teachers are not expected to provide extra home learning for absent pupils generally but any pupil awaiting results of a COVID test or in quarantine due to a positive result can contact their class teacher via SeeSaw who may post activities the child can complete that don't require specific classroom input.

For those seeking extra tasks:

There may still be activities on SeeSaw from lockdown.

Our [initial guide and resources](#) from lockdown may still be of some use.

Homework tasks on SeeSaw

[Key Facts sheets](#) for each stage.

Over the weeks ahead, we will be building up our resources bank in case a form of blended learning occurs in the future. We will inform you if these need to be deployed.

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/>

Traffic Around the School

It has been great to see so many people walking, cycling and scooting to school and so far the weather has been relatively kind to us. Storm like conditions in the middle of the week highlighted the need for drivers and pedestrians alike to be extra vigilant and ensure we park and cross safely. Where possible, we are staffing the busy sections and assisting pupils to cross with care; despite this we have witnessed many potentially dangerous situations.

We have sought the support and guidance of the local community policing and will not hesitate to report anyone driving dangerously. We encourage the community to also report any acts of reckless or dangerous driving to the local police department.

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.

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 8th September 7pm

To be added to our group or for further information please email urysideasnparents@gmail.com

Wellie Decoration Activity

This year we are placing a special emphasis on outdoor learning. In order to ensure that all children can participate in the learning activities we have planned, it is necessary for them to have access to a pair of wellie boots. As a result, we are asking all parents to provide their children with a practical pair of wellies. To create a positive and fun start to this initiative, we would like pupils to decorate their wellies at home as creatively as possible and wear them to school on Wednesday 9th September. Let your imagination run wild!



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5-7 years
Fridays 5.30pm

8 years & over
Wednesdays & Fridays 6.30pm
Saturdays 11am

£5 per session

Private coaching also available

Please Telephone 07748 186080
or
Visit our Facebook page
 YoungMeldrum Runners



Family Food Parcels

We have been providing families with a fortnightly food parcel since lockdown began as we appreciate this is a very difficult time for many families. If your circumstances have changed and you are experiencing difficulty due to redundancy, reduced hours at work or many other reasons and feel that a food parcel would help your family at this difficult time and are not currently receiving a food parcel from any other organisation then please get in touch.

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