



Uryside School News

The life of the school

Week Ending: Friday 4th September 2020

Over the past few weeks we have been accumulating our annual calendar. Many of these dates are still to be confirmed due to the ongoing pandemic. The latest, draft, version of the calendar for this academic year is available below:

[School Calendar](#)

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](#)

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](#).

School PE Kit, bags and appropriate clothing

Thank you for continuing to support our plea to encourage pupils to wear appropriate clothing for inclement weather – wellies are great and we love to see them (see decorating competition later!). Pupils can come in PE kit, all pupils were informed of their house colours and we encourage pupils to wear these for PE. Football kits are not to be encouraged.

Also, please avoid bringing school bags everyday, there is no need for these. Thank you.

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/>

A recent update regarding common cold and need to test was distributed to all parents and is available to read [here](#).

ParentsPortal.scot

Thank you to those who have already joined Parent Portal and have successfully completed their Annual Data Check. Completing this online not only saves paper & printing costs, but also eliminates the need for quarantining returned forms for 72 hours, before they can be manually entered. It is vitally important that all parents connect to this, as in future Parent Portal will also be used for reporting absences, viewing report cards, parent evening appointments, paying for trips etc

We understand that many of you are having problems with information not matching the details we have on our records e.g. middle names etc and we are happy to help with problems, but if you are still having difficulty click on this link and select **Above Sections have not**

answered my query, then select **Contact Helpdesk**

<https://signin.mygovscot.org/home/webHP?requestType=ApplicationRH&actionVal=homePage&screenId=114&redirectPage=rVdFbdk%252BR5TPnYA0uuMj9F5VxLPcz e393e9WN5KVSpT6xoUKJeiMDddGbUIRiXj7FUJQMhmd9fBW0CoB%252BgAnE3%252BGIRXftKi4llt%252FZEdxE0YjUeCmlau%252FSPYKMASGM33tbRdCywKyP2JAK69J77hy78WUysSnaWxCvciASWW9DY%253D#problemDisplayDiv>

If you are having problems please either email school at uryside.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or call the office on 01467 536800 and we will be happy to help. Common problems are use of middle names when we have only been advised of one pupil's forename on your original application form or the parental contact name being an abbreviated or longer version e.g. James/Jim.

Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme 2020/21

Thank you very much for contributing to the successful childhood flu immunisation programme in 2019/20 by supporting the work of the NHS to offer the flu vaccine to all primary school children. Given the impact of COVID-19 on the most vulnerable in society this year, it is imperative that we do all we can to reduce the risk of our population from contracting seasonal flu. Delivering the childhood flu immunisation programme this winter will help to protect against children contracting flu

themselves but also to protect against children transmitting flu to any vulnerable people they come into contact with. A letter from Scotland's Chief Medical Officer with full details for the programme has been issued and can be viewed at:

[https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/cmo/CMO\(2020\)17.pdf](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/cmo/CMO(2020)17.pdf)

Flu consent forms and information packs were distributed to all families this week. These need to be returned to school by: **Friday 11th July**
It is important that all forms are returned whether you require the immunisation or not.

School Dinners – Week 3

Next week, due to problems with our supplier, we will be moving to the week 3 menu. Details of all the school dinner menus are available here: via this web [link](#)

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 uryideasnparents@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!



P1-3 Online Choir

We're looking forward to launching our very first online choir on Tuesday 8th September for all P1-3 children. Log onto Teams every Tuesday at 3.30pm for 30-45 minutes of musical fun with Miss Jack. Simply use the log in details provided at the beginning of home learning to access Microsoft Teams and select the group 'P1-3 Virtual Choir'.

Uryside Friday Football

As this runs at the academy and the entry to the new school is delayed, we are unable to start this term as no lets are allowed in the old building. We will get everything organised for us starting back up and to go through the Covid procedures that are in place . So we should be good to go in term 2 . Further information will be put out when we have it .

Active Schools Aberdeenshire

In Active Schools Aberdeenshire we are working hard to re-establish our extra curricular activities.

We are working with our partners, schools and deliverers to ensure any activities provided are run in a safe and responsible way.

We are carefully following Scottish Government, National Governing Body and Aberdeenshire Council guidance and we look forward to providing more updates on activities in the near future



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