



# Uryside School News

*The life of the school*

**Week Ending: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**A busy newsletter this week, please read on for full details.**

## **New Government Guidance**

With restrictions tightening in the national bid to reduced the number of infections of COVID19, we are asking all adults around our campus to stick to the guidance in place:

- Please stay 2m apart from other adults and children
- Please do not approach our lines, staff are on hand every morning and at the end of each day to support pupils. Please seek them out if you or your child needs any assistance.
- Please contact class teachers via Seesaw or a message left at the school office.
- Please keep siblings close by while dropping off or collecting children at the end of the day. We need to minimise close contacts with others.
- As per Government guidelines, please do not make indoor social visits to other households.
- Avoid organising and attending children's indoor parties.

Our aim is to keep Uryside School open for all of our pupils and help keep everyone safe, you can help us achieve this by following the guidelines above. Thank you.

## **Connecting Scotland**

Connecting Scotland is an initiative setup by the Scottish Government in response to the Corona virus pandemic to develop digital skills for people who are digitally excluded and on low incomes. This can allow schools to lend individuals devices to complete homework or other online learning tasks as well as offer better connectivity to those households struggling to access online resources. Further information is available here: <https://connecting.scot/about>

If you think your child meets these requirements and requires a device to access and complete homework set by the class teacher, please can you contact the school office.

## **Return Data Checks**

Please can we remind all parents to return the annual data check asap. It is important that we keep our contact details up to date in case there is a need to contact you urgently. These are best completed and returned by Parents Portal. Please contact the school office for any support or issues you have experienced signing up to this.

## **Return to School Pupil Summary**

It is our intention this session to provide a brief written update on how your child has progressed since returning to school. These will be cascaded to parents via SeeSaw on the last week of this term. Please can you ensure you are able to access Seesaw or contact us at the school for any support.

## **Traffic Around the School**

Once again can we remind everyone choosing to park and drive close to the school campus to drive with care and courtesy for others. Please be mindful of the increase numbers of pedestrians, cyclists and those on scooters travelling to school. Can we encourage a park and drop off approach especially for older children. Where possible, we are staffing the busy sections and assisting pupils to cross with care; despite this we continue to witness many potentially dangerous situations. Please reinforce safe crossing with your child.



## **Absence from school**

Please can we ask that pupils are not sent to school feeling unwell. We are asking all parents to be extra cautious at this time. If your child is sent home from school, please only return them when symptom free. Should any child be sent home and parents decide to send them for a COVID test, please do not send siblings to school until the test results have been returned negative.

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 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.

School is working on finalising its plans in case a form of blended learning comes in the near future.

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.

A self help guide is available below along with advice on what to do if you are experiencing any of the COVID19 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](#).

### **Quarantine Guidance**

The Foreign & Commonwealth Office currently advises British nationals against “all but essential international travel” except for destinations which no longer pose an unacceptable risk to British Travelers (Travel Corridor). For information from the Scottish Government on countries and territories currently exempted click [here](#). This advice is being kept under constant review. Travel disruption is still possible and national control measures may be brought in with little notice.

Anyone considering travel abroad should check the most up to date information on foreign travel through the [Scottish Government Website](#). This guidance relates specifically to people returning from countries where a 14-day quarantine period is required.

### **Outdoor Learning Project**

Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with our Outdoor Learning project.

An online meeting using TEAMS of all those interested will take place on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm and an email will be issued to give the precise details.

If you are interested in assisting, and have not yet contacted us, please could you email the school by mid-day on Monday 28 September. The school email address is [uryside.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:uryside.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

## Uryside Award

During Lockdown, as part of our online learning package, we gave pupils the opportunity to win a series of awards for activities and challenges they took part in: <https://kbht.edublogs.org/files/2020/03/Uryside-DYW-skills-award-grid-March-2020.pdf>

If your child has collated this evidence please bring it in to school, send the evidence via Seesaw to class teachers or email the school. We aim to distribute the awards before the end of this term.

## 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. With the weather turning colder and no doubt wetter, our aim is still to have pupils outside as often as possible. Please ensure your child comes to school suitably dressed to participate in outdoor play or activities. 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.

## Cauliflower Cards

A4 forms were distributed to all pupils to allow them to create a design for a Christmas Card/Mug and or Wrapping Paper along with an order form.

These Christmas Designs can be professionally printed into cards and purchased at £5.50 for a pack of 12 cards bearing your child's name on the back as the designer. (Samples are available for you to view.) Every pack ordered raises £1.00 for the school. There are also options to purchase Tags and Wrapping Paper with your child's design on as well as very attractive Mugs.

Please read the artwork guidelines printed on your child's order form as most art materials can be used, but colour pencils, white or silver attached to a white background and shiny photographs are not recommended. **Bold and bright designs that fill the paper produce the best effect. Large areas of white background are less effective. Important details must not be placed within 5mm of the edge of the paper.**

*For further inspiration go to [www.cauliflowercards.co.uk](http://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk) and view their gallery.*

If any other members of your family would like to join in then we do have a few spare order forms!

Artwork must be attached to the order form with the arrow on the form circled indicating the top of the work.

**Please keep designs flat and damage free, as marks will show on the final print. Payment needs to be included with the form and submitted to your class teacher.**

**If you would like to take part all orders must be returned**

**by: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Cheque payments should be made out to: Uryside School Fund**

Cards will be delivered to school and handed out.

## CONNECT Training

Below are CONNECT's October programme of free sessions for parents and Parent Councils . These are proving to be very popular and are a chance for you to find out what other Parent Councils are doing across Scotland.

Places are free, booking is essential using the links alongside the descriptions below:

Sessions include:

- Constitutions for Parent Councils/PTAs 1 October [ConnectConstitutions1Oct](#)
- Parent Councils – What's Our Role Now 6 October [ConnectPCRolenow6Oct](#)
- Social and Fundraising Events 8 October [ConnectSF8Oct](#)
- Online Meetings and AGMs 27 October [ConnectOnlineMtgAGM27Oct](#)
- Online Q&A – Sharing Ideas and Plans 29 October [ConnectCatchup29Oct](#)

The image contains three vertical posters for sports activities. The first poster is purple and titled 'Pre-School Gymnastics', featuring a child on a pommel horse and listing sessions on Monday (13.30-14.15) and Thursday (14.00-14.45). The second poster is red and titled 'Kid's Tennis', featuring a child with a tennis racket and listing sessions on Thursday (4.00pm-4.45pm P1-P4 and 4.45pm-5.45pm P5-P7) for £4.50/session. The third poster is blue and titled 'Junior Running Club', featuring a child running and listing a session on Wednesday (4.00pm-4.45pm) for £4/session. All posters include the Garioch Sports Centre logo and social media icons.

**Pre-School Gymnastics**  
Monday 13.30-14.15  
Thursday 14.00-14.45  
Block-Booking only  
These sessions are run by Garioch Sports qualified coaches. Classes are designed for children aged three to five years old and will help to develop confident, co-ordinated and independent children.  
www.gariochsports.co.uk

**Kid's Tennis**  
Thursday 4.00pm-4.45pm P1-P4  
4.45pm-5.45pm P5-P7  
£4.50/session – block booking only  
Improve your child's tennis skills with our new Tennis class.  
www.gariochsports.co.uk

**Junior Running Club**  
Wednesday 4.00pm-4.45pm  
£4/session  
Keep your kids active with our Junior Running Club. Training is both inside with drills, races and games as well as outside doing various routes to improve stamina and speed.  
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