

WHAT'S ON

P1 ENROLLMENT WEEK

10th—14th January

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17th—28th January



Uryside School News

The life of the school

Friday, 7 January 2022

Uryside Promoting Active Travel WOW Travel Tracker Relunched

Our pupil led Junior Road Safety Group has relaunched the travel tracker to promote and award pupils that travel actively to school.

The award winning WOW Travel Tracker is a national, government backed scheme that awards pupils that travel actively to school. Pupils need to actively travel 3 out of 5 days each week for a month to earn a travel tracker badge. Each morning, classes will log their results into the tracker which collates the results across the month.

Active travel is defined as walk-

ing, park and stride, cycling, scooting or other forms of active travel. Pupils traveling by school bus or public transport can also earn active travel marks by walking to and from the bus stops or pick up points.



The pupil group felt this was a positive programme to try and limit the ever increasing traffic around the school campus and surrounding streets.

According to the WOW travel site, 1 in 4 cars on the road each morning is on the school run. Participating schools report improved road safety at the school gates and promoting healthy mental wellbeing by improving behaviour and concentration in class.

More information can be found [here](#).

School Meals Autumn Winter Menu

The latest menus for next term are available to view now on our [school website](#). This dedicated page includes all information regarding school meals. The link to allergen information is available to view here:

[Browse Menus - Aberdeenshire Council 1 - Primary \(mysaffronportal.com\)](#)

Information for Parents of P5 - Free School Meals

School meals to all pupils in P5 will be free from Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Communication for all Parents and Carer's of P5 children to be aware that lunch will be provided for free from January 5th 2022 and any parents that are in arrears to please ensure they make the necessary payments to clear any outstanding balance. All accounts with a credit balance will be followed up in the new year to refund or transfer to siblings.

In addition for any pupils that may take up the lunch offer who may not have previously could I ask you to share this link with Parents for menu and [allergen information](#)

And the mail box for [dietary queries](#)

Current COVID Guidelines and Pupils Self Isolating

Any pupil absent from school, self-isolating or awaiting the results of a test, can access school materials via weekly home learning tasks sent on Seesaw if they are well enough to do so. There is also a wealth of resources available via our Uryside School Virtual Classroom: <https://tinyurl.com/Urysidevirtualclassroom>

- If your child is unwell, please let them rest. We have no expectation that they will engage in learning in these circumstances.
- Aberdeenshire Council does not expect class teachers who are leading their classes to provide additional tasks for pupils who are absent from school. However, they will send any suitable activities that the class are doing via SeeSaw when appropriate.
- Please be aware that class teachers normally do not answer SeeSaw messages out with the normal working day or during the times they are teaching the class.

A guide to the current advice and restrictions in place is available to view [here](#).

Updates and clarity from new guidance published on Tuesday:

- Cases - can reduce isolation to 7 days IF no fever for 48 hours and 2 consecutive daily LFDs (lateral flow tests) from day 6. These apply to new cases confirmed from Thursday 6th January, this does not apply to any positive tests/cases prior to this date.
 - Contacts and household members:
 - Under 18yrs 4mths - asymptomatic and negative LFD for 7 days = no isolation
 - Over 18 fully vaccinated (3 doses) - asymptomatic and LFD negative for 7 days = no isolation
- Unvaccinated/partially vaccinated adults over 18yrs 4mths - isolate for 10 days

Please note: If children are attending while there is a positive case in their household, please call the office for confirmation of the process of registering and communicating the negative LFD tests daily.

Pupils must be supervised when completing lateral flow tests. Please follow the guidance attached to the lateral flow tests and avoid eating/drinking 30 minutes prior to completing the test.

An updated school risk assessment can be viewed [here](#).

Inclement Weather and Snow Clearing

Uryside School falls under priority 2 of Aberdeenshire Council's snow clearing procedures meaning the school car park areas will be cleared, at the latest, second day of adverse weather. The school janitor's guidance is to provide one safe path leading to the main entrance and clearing fire exit routes of snow. They do not have responsibility for clearing playgrounds, public footpaths or car parks. We know Mr Chapman goes way beyond this level of responsibility and thank him for his efforts on these tricky mornings.

In days of inclement weather, snow and ice we ask all in our community to drive with extreme caution and remain patient with fellow roads users, the local community and pedestrians. Please report all unsafe or dangerous incidents to the local police.

On very wet mornings, all pupils may go direct to their classroom doors or taken there by a parent or adult. On these mornings, please do not bring pupils to school before 8.50am.

Aberdeenshire's Registration Week for Primary 1 admission is Monday 10th January to Friday 14th January 2022.

In summary:

Parents/Carers are being invited to complete the online application form for a school in their catchment area. Where a parent/carer wishes to place their child at a school outwith their catchment area they have been asked to complete an out of zone placing request too. With COVID restrictions in place parents/carers have been asked to email supporting documents such as a child's birth certificate and recent utility bill as proof of address or alternatively take them with them when the pupil starts school.

More details on the application process is on page 4 of this newsletter.

The admissions fortnight for Early learning and child care applications will be from 17th January until 28th January 2022.

- All schools are now offering 1140 hours to allow Parents/cares to access a maximum of 1140 hours
- An online application form has been developed and all parents must complete this form.
- The online form does ask Parents/carers to indicate their preferred sessions, however sessions will only be allocated where staffing AND space are available. It is clear on the online form and Admissions booklet that their choice is not guaranteed.

Only once a place has been accepted by the Parent/carer should they be asked to show the appropriate documentation.

More details on the application process, including links to online documentation will follow.

Do you have a child aged 5-16, or are you a young person aged 12-21? If so, please complete our short travel survey for a chance to win up to £250 in Love2Shop vouchers.

online1.snapsurveys.com/under22travelsurvey

The closing date for all responses is **24th January 2022.**

About the Survey

The Scottish Government will soon be launching the Free Bus Travel Scheme for young people between the ages of 5 and 21. This aims to encourage greener travel patterns, and increase opportunities for young people to engage in employment, education and social activities and not be excluded due to travel costs. Transport Scotland will monitor the scheme as it progresses to check on use and impact. The first step is to try and understand current travel patterns so that any changes after the scheme is introduced can be identified.

We would be grateful if parents/carers of younger children (i.e. those aged 5-16), or young people aged 12-21 themselves, could complete this short travel survey. The questionnaire asks about current travel behaviour, and your thoughts about bus travel generally and the free bus travel. This should take no more than 10 minutes to do.

Contact Us: If you have any questions about the work or problems completing the questionnaire, please contact our Project Manager, Elaine Wilson-Smith, at elaine@wellsidereasearch.co.uk or on 0131 677 5522.

P1 Enrolment Week
10-14th January
Apply Online

For those who are looking to register a child for P1

Enrolment Week 10th-14th January 2022.

“Aberdeenshire’s Registration Week for Primary 1 admission is Monday 10th January to Friday 14th January 2022.”

All children who reach their fifth birthday by 28th February 2023 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admission in August 2022.

Parents/Carers of those children due to commence attendance at school in August 2022 should now register their children for the appropriate local primary school.

To register for a primary school place, for a school within your catchment area, please complete the online application which can be found at: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/applyForSchoolPlace>.

It is usual practice for children to attend their local catchment primary school, however, you have the right to apply to place your child in a school other than your local school. Please complete an out of zone placing request. (You should still register your child in a school in the area you live in until you know the outcome of your application) Out of Zone Request form can be found at: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/admissions/out-of-zone-school/>

With COVID 19 restrictions in place please email the school a copy of the below or alternatively bring these with you when your child starts school:

- the child’s birth certificate as this is required as evidence of their date of birth and;
- evidence of the parent/carer’s home address (for example a recent utility bill or recent bank statement).

All schools in Aberdeenshire have the same start date, in the middle of August each year. You will be informed of this year's start date at the time of registration at school.

Aberdeenshire Education & Children's Services makes no provision to admit any children who are five after the end of February, unless that child has previously been registered and has commenced full-time attendance (excluding induction) in a state supported or Forces school and is transferring into Aberdeenshire. In this case, the local authority can exercise discretion. Registration for a nursery or playgroup does not count for the purposes of this exception.



**REHIS Accredited Food Hygiene
Refresher Course in the Kitchen
Thursday 20th January 2022
4pm – 6pm**

This course is for anyone who has undertaken the REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene Course within the last 3 – 5 years.

Course costs £35 per person

To book a place please email

gariochcommunitykitchen@hotmail.co.uk or

Tel. 07729297892

We also offer REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene Courses,
please enquire for details.

Wyness Hall, Jackson Street

Inverurie, AB51 3QB

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The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service

P1-P7 Inverurie Cluster Yoga

P1-P7 Inverurie Cluster Yoga takes place on Mondays at the Dance Studio, Inverurie Community Campus from 4.15pm—5pm. Led by our Yoga Tutor Elaine, these are fun and relaxing sessions, ideal for Primary aged children. £3 per session which are bookable in a term block.

How to Apply – Please apply online at <https://bit.ly/ASInverurie>

Payment (If applicable) – The payment process will be detailed in the confirmation email.

Additional Information – Please wear clothing and footwear suitable for physical activity. Please bring a bottle of water / non-fizzy juice.

Please note that signing up to clubs is on a first come, first served basis. If a club becomes full, we will put a waiting list in place.

Covid Safe—All Active Schools activities are *covid safe* by following Scottish Government, **sportscotland**, National Governing Body and Aberdeenshire Council guidance.

Contact us for more information.

Contact Details

Mairi Graham / Malcolm Grant

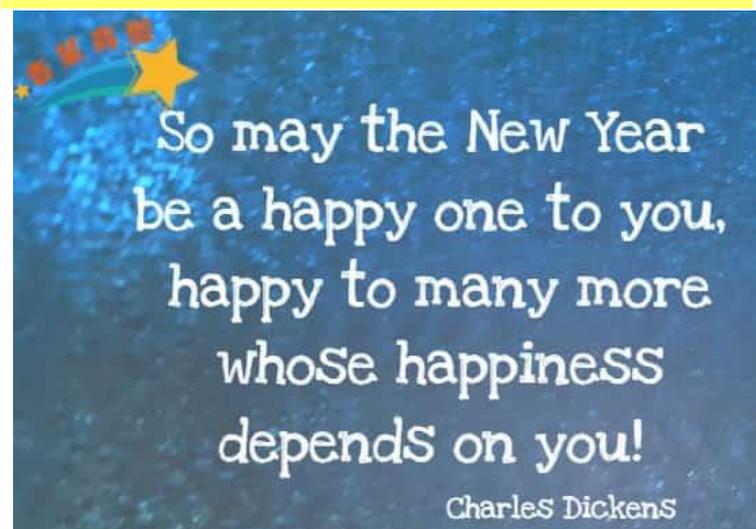
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Uryside For Local Lets

We are currently working on plans to make the school building available for use by local groups out with school hours. If you would like to start a group for residents of the Uryside area – for adults or children – please can you send a message to the school email address to indicate your interest. If there is sufficient interest to justify opening the building, we will do our best to make this happen as soon as possible.



Raring2go! Aberdeen City & Shire WINTER 2021

Here's the link and image for you:

HERE is the LINK <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/aberdeencityandshire/winter/>

IMAGES – attached for you to include in your Newsletter or Social post

PLUS – we have lots of great competitions on the website - [Competitions \(raring2go.co.uk\)](https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/aberdeencityandshire/winter/)

Including one to win a bundle of books for your school. Please let parents know about it so one of our schools can win it!

[Welbeck Publishing Group's fantastic Book Competition](https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/aberdeencityandshire/winter/)



Holiday Dates:

Other Holiday dates available to view [here](#).

School Calendar for Session 2021/22 is now available to view [here](#).

10th—14 th February	Mid-term Holiday
15 th & 16 th February	Staff Inset Days – school closed to pupils
4 th – 15 th April	Spring Holiday
2 nd & 3 rd June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Holiday
6 th June	Local Holiday
1 st July 2022	Last Day of the School Year

The May Day holiday has been moved to incorporate a longer Jubilee holiday weekend. School will be closed on 2nd, 3rd and 6th June. It will not be closed on the 2nd May as previously advertised.

WOW – we raised £507.60!!!
Amazing!!!

Rag Bag Collection

Thanks to all that took part.



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