

St Andrews Primary School

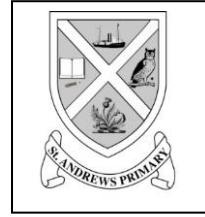
Newsletter

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School Return Newsletter



Welcome

We hope that you have enjoyed the summer holiday and the lovely weather we have experienced most of the summer. All staff at St Andrews Primary School are looking forward to welcoming our pupils back to school this week and to welcome our new Primary 1 pupils starting school.

School will start on Tuesday 17th August 2021

Staff Changes

We would like to welcome our new staff to St Andrews School as follows: Miss Isla Campbell and Miss Leanne Fullerton, Probationer Teachers. Mrs Susan May. Mrs Lisa Tait, Mrs Kelly Pearson, Mrs Avril McLeod, Pupil Support Assistants. Congratulations to Miss Carla Hay and Miss Kirsten MacKinnon who got married in the summer holidays and will now be Mrs C Duthie and Mrs K Roy. Mrs Rachel Garden will be returning from maternity leave for one day each week.

COVID Symptoms/Pupil Illness

There have been some changes to our approach in managing COVID-19. Firstly, following changes to the self-isolation guidance, we will no longer be isolating whole class groups when a child tests positive. Instead, we will take a targeted approach identifying those most at risk. Should your child be the one who tests positive, they will still be required to self-isolate for 10 days. If your child is identified as a close contact, and is aged 5 or older, they will need to take a PCR test. If this is negative, their period of self-isolation will end with confirmation of the negative result. Children under 5 identified as close contacts will be encouraged, but not required, to take a PCR test.

If your child becomes unwell when they are in school with any symptoms including a cough/cold we will contact you and ask you to take your child home. We will ask that you arrange for your child to be tested for COVID.

Pupil Staggered Arrival/Departure

We will continue with staggered arrival, departure times for pupils as well as break and lunchtimes when we return to school on 17th August 2021. This will be reviewed over the coming weeks as government guidance is updated. All parents/carers should have received a letter at the end of last week to let you know the arrival/departure time of your child's class.

Parents/Carers – School Grounds

As part of our risk assessment we have to request that parents/carers do not enter the school grounds or school buildings. If you need to contact the school or if your child has forgotten something can I ask you to phone the school office and the staff will arrange to help you.

Hand Hygiene

Hand hygiene is a vitally important infection control measure; therefore, all Pupils and staff will sanitise and wash their hands on entering the building. Pupils will wash their hands on entering the building. Pupils will wash their hands at transition points throughout the day and hand sanitising will be available where hand washing is not possible.

PE/Gym Kit

Pupils should not bring a gym kit into school, instead we have requested they wear joggers and trainers/footwear suitable for PE outdoors on the day/days they have PE. For safety reasons we cannot have pupils changing clothing for PE.

We will advise you of your child's PE day during the first week back to school.

School Bags

Pupils can take a school bag to school along with packed lunch bag and drink of water as well as a snack for break time.

Resources

Each child will be provided with a learning pack/resource containing all the items they will need in class.

Children should not bring in resources or toys from home.

School Meals

School Meals will continue with the Spring/Summer menu, please see follow the link below:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/26166/school-menu.pdf>

From August 2021 all pupils in P1-4 will be entitled to a free school meal.

Learning and the Curriculum

The main curricular focus on return to school will be Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing including PE. We want the children to feel safe and nurtured and all staff will place importance on children's social and emotional wellbeing as they transition back to school after the summer

Class Newsletter will be issued at the end of next week with details of the proposed learning across all areas of the curriculum for this term.

New Primary 1 Pupils

New Primary 1 Pupils will have a soft start to school in week 1 and week 2. Letters have been sent out to Parents/carers with information about when their child will be in school.

On Monday 30th August all Primary 1 pupils will attend school for a full day.

School Holidays 2021-22

Please follow the link below for information about the school holidays

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/25387/occasional-days-2021-2022.pdf>