



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and a very warm welcome back to school, at last! Please can you make sure your child comes to school with a warm and waterproof jacket, hat, gloves, scarves and wellies or boots. Spare socks and shoes are also useful. The playground will be wet and icy for a few days so keeping warm and dry is important.



#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

12 to 16 January – P7 Ski Week  
 Friday 23 January – AFG meeting 2pm  
 Tuesday 3 February – P7 parents meeting at Forres Academy 5.30pm  
 Wednesday 4 February – Parent Council meeting 7pm  
 STEM event – 9 to 11 February  
**Thursday 12 February – In Service day, school closed to pupils**  
**Friday 13, Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 February – mid term break**  
 Wednesday 18 February – AFG Family Quiz tbc  
 Tuesday 24 February - Dental Inspections P1 + P7  
 Friday 27 February – P5 class assembly 10am  
 Wednesday 11 March – Parent appointments 5pm – 7pm  
 Thursday 12 March – Parent appointments 3.30pm - 5pm  
 Friday 20 March – P1 class assembly 10am  
 Friday 27 March – last day of term

#### **ALLERGY AWARENESS**

We are a 'nut free' school. Please check snacks and packed lunches do not contain any nut based products e.g Nutella, pesto, satay

#### **BUS BAY**

Please do not use the bus bay as a parking spot. It should be kept clear so the school bus can arrive and depart safely. Car parking is available behind the Community Centre, Grant Park and on Leys Road

#### **P1 ENROLMENT FOR AUGUST 2026**

You must register your child with your LOCAL CATCHMENT SCHOOL between **Monday 12 and Friday 23 January 2026** if:

- your child is five years old on or before the 19 August 2026; or
- your child's fifth birthday falls between 19 August 2026 and 28 February 2027.

The whole registration process, including placing requests, should be completed online. You'll just need to have scanned copies of your child's birth certificate and proof of address to upload and submit online. Registration will be available to complete from 12 January at [www.moray.gov.uk/registration](http://www.moray.gov.uk/registration)

More information about schools can be found [http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray\\_standard/page\\_47236.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_47236.html)

Choosing a School:-

[www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/11/10093528/0](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/11/10093528/0)

If you have friends or neighbours who have children of preschool age due to start school in August please pass this information on. NO advert has been placed by Moray Council in the Northern Scot.

Please contact us if you need any help or advice.



## ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE

Moray Council would like to see school attendance reach 95%. Anderson's has this level of attendance however for some families lateness and attendance are not at this level. If you are struggling to get your child to school or have a concern about repeated illness please contact us to find out how we can support you and your child.



## SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Applications for school clothing grants and free school meals can be made following the guidance on Moray Council's website [http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray\\_standard/page\\_55486.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_55486.html)

The AFG have pre-loved school uniform available on a rail at the main door. Please come along and take things when you need them.

For other help with finances contact - [Income Maximisation - Moray Council](#)

## HEADLICE

Be vigilant about checking your child's hair each week for head lice. If you have any questions you can ask your local pharmacist or contact the school nurse at the Health Centre.

## CATERING AND CLEANING VACANCIES

The Catering Department is seeking Relief Catering Assistants to work across all areas. This is an "as and when required" position to provide cover for sickness or vacant posts. It's a great opportunity to gain experience within the catering team and decide if a permanent role is right for you. If you are interested please go to the advert link below:

[Relief Catering Assistants - MOR10960 | Moray Council | myjobscotland](#)

Our cleaning team is short staffed at the moment, if you know of anyone who would be interested in some additional hours please ask them contact the school office leaving their name and contact details for our Cleaning Supervisor, Mrs Holder.

## SEVERE WEATHER AND SCHOOL CLOSURE REMINDER

When severe weather is expected and there is a chance the school may have to close, please endeavour to undertake one of these options:

1. Look out for a message on Dojo
2. Listen to Moray Firth Radio which has regularly updated information – 97.4FM
3. Use Moray Council's website
  - <https://secure.moray.gov.uk/mcalerts/portal/servicestatus.aspx>and go to Schools

BBC Radio Scotland and Moray Firth Radio will pick up the closure notice.



Thank you for your patience and understanding during short period of school closure. School works best when we are all together in the building.

Sara Neil  
Head Teacher