



Dear Parents/Carer,

A very warm welcome back to you all and 'hello' to those of you who are joining us for the first time either in P1 or in other year groups. We are a very busy school this session with over 270 children in our 11 classes. Please name your child's belongings so they can be returned in case (and they probably will) get lost.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for school activities may be subject to change

Wednesday 2 Sept – Meet the Teacher

6pm/6.30pm

Friday 11 Sept – Settling in Reports go home

Wed 16 Sept – Parent Council meeting 7pm

Friday 9 Oct – last day of term

Monday 26 Oct – school re-opens

Friday 6 Nov – P6/7 assembly 10am

Monday 9 + Tuesday 10 Nov – In Service days,
school closed to pupils

Wednesday 25 Nov – Parent Appointments

Thursday 26 Nov – Parent Appointments

Friday 4 Dec – P4 assembly 10am

Tuesday 15 Dec – P3 Nativity 11am/2pm

Monday 21 Dec – Church Service

Tuesday 22 Dec – last day of term

Wednesday 6 Jan 2027 – school re-opens

CLASSES

Class teachers are as follows –

P1 – Mrs Tulloch

P1/2 – Mrs Clark/Mrs Thomson

P2 – Mrs Donegan

P3 SJ – Mrs Short/Mrs Johnson

P3N – Mrs Nelmes

P4 – Mrs Caldwell

P4/5 – Miss Alexander

P5 – Miss Webster/Mr Lunan

P6 – Mr Rutherford (Room 5)

P6/7 – Mr Charles McKeating

P7 – Mr Hopkirk

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE

Moray Council would like to see school attendance reach 95% and above. Absences are monitored and contact made if there are concerns about your child's attendance.

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

CLASS DOJO

If you have to pass on information to your child's class teacher - absence, appointment, Wider Achievement, personal/family news or to arrange a meeting then please call or email the school office. Teachers use Dojo to post class stories, class information, appeals for help for outdoor learning and upload pictures to pupil portfolios. Please note that any message you send via Dojo might not be read or responded to until the next day.

CAR PARKING

Our nearest car parks are – Community Centre, Leys Road and Grant Park. The bus bay **IS NOT** for dropping off or collecting it is for our school bus. The bus driver cannot allow children to leave or get on the bus until it is safely parked in the bay. Please be mindful of residents who live near us and do not block access to homes, driveways and garages.

CENTENARY YEAR

Our building is celebrating 100 years as an educational establishment; Forres Academy from 1926 until 1968 then opening as Anderson's Primary in 1971. Over this year we will present a series of events showcasing the school and the changes that have taken place with opportunities for visitors to come along. Look out for information detailing these events.

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones should not be taken to school. Smart watches must not allow messaging or calling. Children who do take a device to school MUST hand it in at the start of the day and it will be returned before they go home.

PLAYGROUND ETIQUETTE

Please do not take dogs on to the playground and do not leave them tied to the fences near gates as there are some children who are scared of dogs. We encourage children to walk their bikes and scooters across the playground before and after school for safety, please remind your child of this expectation should they be cycling to school. Smoking and vaping is not allowed on school premises, this includes the playground. Please stand clear of the class lines in the mornings as it can be overwhelming for some of our children to have so many adults close to the lines.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please register for iPay if you have not already done so. **All P1 to P5 children are eligible for universal free school meals.**

<http://www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file147882.pdf>

iPay can also be used to order and pay for school sweatshirts.

COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Parents of P1 children may be eligible for a Best Start Grant. Details can be found on <https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods/>

Applications for school clothing grants and free school meals can be made following the guidance on Moray Council's website. If you think you may be entitled to a school clothing grant or free school meals, even with a child included in the universal offer you can still apply.

http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_55486.html

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.

SCHOOL OFFICE

Our school office is open from 8.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday. Staff are not always available to answer the telephone and over lunchtime the office is not always attended. Please leave a message which will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Data Capture forms are being sent out, these detail your child's address, emergency contacts, medical conditions etc and include permissions for photos, email/internet etc. Please make sure all contacts are up to date and they are aware they have been included on the form.

MEDICINES

Only prescribed medicine can be administered in school; medicine that has a pharmacy label with the child's name, and dosage, on it and is in date. We encourage parents to come into school to administer medicine to their child, or to ask a family member/friend to do so. If this is not possible we can do this for you. Please complete the appropriate paper work, available from the school office, before the prescribed medicine is handed in to school.



Finally, everyone here at Anderson's is looking forward to working together with you over this coming school year. Please get in touch if you think there is anything we can help you with.

Sara Neil
Head Teacher