

MORTLACH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Welcome back to Term 1

Please be assured that any new procedures that we are putting in place are in direct accordance with Scottish Government guidelines, which we must follow. The new procedures are not something we have just decided to do as a school.

We have had to stagger lunch and break times so the following times now apply:-

P3/4 P4/5 P5/6 - Break 10.20am - 10.40am and Lunch 12.20pm - 1.05pm

P1 P2/3 and P6/7 - Break 10.40 - 11am and Lunch 12.45pm - 1.30pm

Please remember the pick-up time for school is now **3pm**.

Unfortunately, parents are not able to come into the school building unless it is an emergency. Please email the school if you have a query. Please remember that Mrs Coupland does not work on a Thursday or Friday afternoon so your message may not be picked up until the following day. In the event of an emergency please ring the school. We are not able to accept late packed lunches or snacks. Pupils will be given a packed lunch from the canteen should they need one and you will be asked to pay for this.

Pupils are encouraged to take their book bags to school. Book bags can be bought from the school office at a price of £9.00.

Gym t-shirts in the three different house colours are available to purchase also. A plain t-shirt from Asda/Tesco in your child's house colours is perfectly acceptable also.

Balvenie - Blue, Buchrumb - Red, Kininvie - Yellow

There has been a query about pupils' gym clothes getting wet on rainy days coming to school. This would be no different to coming to school on a rainy day and getting school uniform wet on school uniform days. If you are worried about this please send a change of clothes with your child that can stay in the class. Please make sure that your child can dress themselves if you are going to choose this option, and send in a bag with all items named.

Please remember to name absolutely everything! Each shoe also needs to be named. We are always left with a lot of lost property that we cannot give back as we cannot find names on items. Lost property from last term will be in the main playground today and the rest of the week if it is dry and then will be donated to charity. Please remember to send your child to school with shoes that they can put on and tie themselves eg velcro or slip on. Please do not put them to school with laced shoes, if they are not able to tie

them themselves. Please practice with your child at home at getting on and off their jacket so that they can be independent.

Should your child be showing any signs of illness they will be sent home immediately. You will be expected to pick them up promptly. We have turned one of our spaces in school into an isolation room, the Nursery has an area that is cordoned off as an isolation area and children that are displaying symptoms of being unwell will isolate there with a support staff member or Nursery staff member, until you pick them up. Please **do not** send your child to school if they are feeling unwell, as they will be sent home as soon as they say they are feeling unwell. If you work, please designate someone who can pick them up promptly and that lives locally.

Please email us if you have any other queries. We are in new territory and we will be reviewing procedures as we go along, to see that they are working well.

Kind regards

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Head Teachers