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Primary School

Education, Communities & Organisational Development



15 September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to my letter of last Friday, please find detailed below further information.

Hot & Cold Meals

School lunches will be changing as of next Monday (21st September). The canteen will be providing a hot and a cold option each day (starting on week 1 menu) on a 4 week rotation. The children will eat in their 'bubbles' within either the top corridor, packed lunch area or assembly hall and both hot and cold options will be served from the canteen hatch by our school cooks. The cost for either a hot or cold meal is £2.30 and this is to be paid through the online system 'ipay' where you can also view the choice your child has made for their lunch. The 4 week menus are attached to this letter. If you would rather that your child take a packed lunch from home then this remains an option. Please however, include healthy food within this. Sweet treats should be kept to a minimum.

All P1-P3 children are entitled to a free school meal and will make their choices from the menu options (unless you wish for them to take a packed lunch from home).

Parking

I am aware of an increasing number of parents driving onto the school grounds. Can I please remind you that there is NO ACCESS for vehicles other than staff, disabled (blue badge holders) and taxis. I would appreciate your adherence to this in order to keep us all safe. We need to reduce the amount of traffic moving as children enter and leave the grounds. Thank you.

Scottish Government Digital Inclusion Grant – Device Allocation

Moray Council has received funding to support Digital Inclusion.

We have been asked to complete a spreadsheet using the following headings, from the knowledge we have about each family.

- Did your child receive the use of a device during lockdown in term 4?
- Does your child have an issue with accessing a device at home?
- Does your child receive Free School Meals?
- Is your child within a large family group where regular access to and use of a device is limited and problematic?
- Does your child have Additional Support Needs which could be supported through digital solutions?

Please contact the school by 3pm tomorrow (Wednesday 16th September) if you would like to update us on any of the above information (from the information we would hold at Lockdown) or if you would like to check what entries we have for your child under these headings. I will then submit our spreadsheet after 3pm. Moderation of spreadsheets from all schools will then take place centrally at HQ and schools will be informed of the outcome.

Annual Data Check

Mrs Agutter is still awaiting a number of these to be returned. Please can you do so by the end of this week. It is vital that we have up-to-date contact information for each family should your child fall ill at school/a year group need to be sent home/the school needs to close. Thank you.



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Viral Video

You may have heard of the recent video originating on Facebook Live depicting a man dying by suicide. This video has gone viral, making its way across multiple social media platforms and it is still being shared now. Please read the [Safer Schools Safeguarding Alert](#) which explains the facts, what you can do as a parent/trusted adult and some links to supporting videos and other information.

Net Aware (<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>) is an internet safety site which contains a page per social media platform that discusses the risks, privacy settings, how to make it as safe as possible for children and other information. This Apps, games and social media sites page lists all apps and here are some links directly to the platforms that this video has been shared on:

[Net Aware -Facebook](#)

[Net Aware -TikTok](#)

[Net Aware -Instagram](#)

Lockdown Packs

We still require a number of wipeable whiteboards to be returned to school please. These were issued in your child's lockdown pack. We need these back asap as we have limited stock for use in school and these boards are used frequently in class. We also have a computer cable which has been returned but it does not fit the school laptops. Please check that you have returned the correct cable to us and if not then please let us know as it is not clear which family this came from.

Xpressions App

Before the summer we told you about our new app Xpressions. I would like to invite all our new parents and any returning parents who have not already done so, to download the app using the instructions attached. We hope that it will make communicating with you easier, allowing you to locate any messages relating to school all in one place. Some of our teachers are sending homework and information home to you by email or the Xpressions app, so please keep checking for information regularly.

School Dates

Finally I bring to your attention the school session dates (see attached) and ask that you pay particular attention to October Holiday dates, November In-Service (one day only) and that the school year now ends on 25th June due to returning from this summer break one week earlier.

Thank you very much for your continued efforts in supporting us. If you would like to discuss any matters then please contact the school or have a chat with me when I am outside on the school grounds in the mornings.

Yours faithfully

Gail McIntosh
Head Teacher



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