

Hythehill Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome back to the new school year, a special warm welcome to the new Primary 1 pupils and new pupils joining us across the school.



We also welcome Mrs Kirsty Pollak to P3, Mrs Shiobhan Evans to P4, Mr Blair Williamson P5b and Mrs Honorata Tyczka as the non-contact teacher to Hythehill.



I would like to extend congratulations to Mrs Louise Dempsey and family on the safe arrival of Eilidh Dempsey, born on the 16th July 2020. Mum and baby are doing well.

UNIFORM ORDERS

Thank you for your orders for uniform. If the school reopens fulltime in August, you will be given a time via email to come and collect your uniform on either Monday 10th or Tuesday 11th August. Please keep to this time, as we will still be adhering to social distancing measures from the Scottish Government.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL



I would like to thank you for your patience in receiving information regarding the return to school. I fully understand that this is an anxious time for

children and parents and therefore receiving the correct information about the return to school is foremost in the planning process.

Returning to school will look different this year, and for the foreseeable future, this will be the new 'normal' as we adhere to the Scottish Government guidance in ensuring that children and staff are safe at Hythehill.

There are two in-service days on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th August. During these days, staff will receive updated training on Child Protection, Annual updates and Covid-19. They will also be preparing the school for a safe return for children, as well as completing planning for intended learning, teaching and assessment this session.

All children will return on Wednesday 12th August, for normal school hours, 8.55am-3.00pm. Primary 1 will attend from 9.15am-12.30pm on Wed-Fri, then full-time from Monday 17th August.

Nursery am session will commence on Wednesday 12th August from 8.35am-11.45am. Mr Stewart will meet you at the top gate. Please make sure you drop off between 8.35am and 8.45am

Nursery pm sessions will commence on Wednesday 12th August from 1.20pm – 3.30pm for Wed-Fri. Mr Stewart will meet you at the top gate. Please make sure you drop off between 1.20pm and 1.30pm. From Monday 17th August sessions will be from 12.25pm-3.35pm

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Attached with this letter is the full parental guidance from Moray Council, with specific amendments for Hythehill School and Nursery. Please take the time to read this information as this is what will be expected for parents and children from Monday 10th August.

I have highlighted some essential points in this letter to support returning on Wednesday.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- All staff will be briefed on the in-service days of the safety protocols relating to COVID-19 and the control measures identified on the Risk Assessment document
- Child friendly graphics using the BEE Safe in Moray logo will be present across all establishments. Children will be reminded of these.
- Cleaning patterns and routines have been implemented to support the prevention of spread of COVID-19
- Increased handwashing protocols will be put in place – staff will regularly remind children about this. We have changed the soap to a gentler one
- You may wish to give your children their own sanitiser and/or wipes and these will remain in school.
- Hand sanitiser stations will be present on entry and exit and where necessary throughout the buildings where hand washing is not possible. Children and young people will be expected to hand sanitise as they enter and leave the building and where necessary staff will support this.
- It is not necessary for children to wear masks, however if they wish to do so they can particularly if they are in a busy area eg canteen, corridors.
- **All inhalers, epi-pens and medicines should be updated by parents and sent into school, clearly labelled. It is essential that the school has this for 12th August.**

KEEPING SAFE DURING COVID-19

- We will maintain vigilance at all times for the symptoms of COVID-19
- We will follow the guidance from <https://www.nhsinform.scot/>
- **Do not send your child to school if they have:**
 - a continuous cough
 - fever/high temperature
 - loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste
- Children should inform a member of staff if they feel unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 whilst still at school.
- You will be contacted and arrangements made to pick them up as quickly as possible. It would be preferable that any adult from their household picks them up and not a grandparent. **Please make sure we have updated contact details for you. Data Capture forms will be sent home by end of the first week**

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ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL/GROUNDS

- Visitors to Hythehill will be kept to a bare minimum – all meetings are to be by appointment
- Parents will be asked to remain outside the building/grounds at all times unless directed through the One Way system
- We understand that new Nursery and P1 children may find the first few days tricky; therefore Nursery pm sessions will have transition days of reduced hours for Wed-Fri of week 1 and Primary 1 will arrive at 9.15am accompanied by 1 parent/carer and guided to socially distance in the playground to see your child enter school for week 1.
- Access to schools will only be permitted in an emergency. Contact should be via normal communication methods before arrival at the school
- You should arrange to drop your child(ren) off and pick them up at an agreed location ensuring that social distancing is adhered to and adopt a “park and stride” approach or walk to school gates where possible
- Nursery am and pm sessions will enter the school grounds via the top gate between 8.35-8.45am and 1.20pm-1.30pm (12.25pm-12.35pm weeks 2-9), no earlier please. There will be a one-way system outlined by a clearly marked white line and 2m social distancing markers across the top of the playground for parents to walk along the grass to the allocated play area and then exit via the path next to the school driveway. There will be No Entry via the path by the school driveway or carpark into the school grounds**
- Primary 1-3 families will enter the school grounds via the top gate between 8.45-8.55 (no earlier please). There will be a one-way system outlined by a clearly marked white line and 2m social distancing markers across the top of the playground for parents to walk along the grass and exit via the path next to the school driveway. There will be No Entry via the path by the school driveway or carpark into the school grounds**
- Primary 3/4 – 7 families will enter the school grounds via the bottom playground between 8.45-8.55 (no earlier please). No parents will be allowed in to the playground**
- Both gates will be locked until it is time to open them and they will be supervised by staff**
- Nursery will be collected from the same play area at the end of each session**
- Primary 1-3 families will be collected from the socially distanced markers at the top of the playground and exit using the one-way system. Children from the same family will leave with the youngest sibling. Children attending the RAF Daycare centre will meet at an allocated place**
- Primary 1-3 will enter and exit via the infant door
- Primary 3/4 and P5 will enter and exit via the south door

- Primary 4 will enter and exit via the side door next to the canteen
- Primary 6 and 7 will enter and exit via the north door
- Parents will not be able to drop off forgotten items or additional belongings to the school office.
- Children must arrive to school at the designated time.**
- Do not use the car park for drop off or collection, this includes childminders and grandparents. The gate from the carpark to the playground will be locked.
- The Bike Shed will not be in use. Bikes and Scooters are not to be brought to school until further notice**
- Parents should not physically approach staff at school drop-off and pick-up times. Parents should maintain a 2m social distance from other parents
- There will be no Breakfast clubs, after-school clubs or trips initially.
- If you have to pick up your child as they are showing symptoms, the school will provide you with details regarding pick-up.

INTERVALS and LUNCH TIMES

- Children will continue to be split across the three areas top playground (P1-3), lower playground and field (P4-7)
- Much equipment will be out of bounds and the sharing of equipment not permitted, this includes bringing footballs from home.
- Catering will offer a packed lunch for most of term one to allow staff to adhere to social distancing. Children are welcome to bring their own packed lunch if this is preferred.
- Parents should utilise the I-Pay system as much as possible as the minimum top-up is £2.30
- Free school meal vouchers will stop on Friday 7 August. They are valid for 12 months from the date of issue.

UNIFORM

- As all children return to school/ELC settings, school uniform requirements should be adhered to. For Hythehill this is a white polo shirt, school sweatshirt/cardigan with dark joggers/leggings and trainers. With the exception of the first day where full uniform can be worn for those first day back photos
- We advise that a change of clothing/shoes be placed in the school bag in the event of clothing being wet or muddy. This will not be left in school
- School uniform should be washed as normal and changed regularly if marked.
- All uniform is to be clearly labelled as all items must go home at the end of the day.
- Children should only bring a water bottle, snack, packed lunch (if not having a school lunch), change of clothing and coat (which can be stored in their bag)**
- Children will be provided with stationery set to be kept in school**

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and the guide attached.

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Further information will be sent in the next newsletter regarding other aspects of school life.