

# Hythehill Primary School Newsletter



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## August 2020 Letter 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your continued support in following the guidelines implemented post Covid-19 and to ensure the safe reopening of the school. I would like to remind you that all families were issued with a Parent Guide. Please refer to this to ensure you and your children are doing your utmost to comply with the regulations outlined by the Scottish Government and adopted for Hythehill Primary School and Nursery.

### RESPECTED



I understand that these are unusual times for all but I would like to remind you that Moray Council operates a 'Please Be Respectful, Be Nice' policy. Disruptive or abusive parents/carers will be requested to leave the premises and if necessary, the police will be contacted. If disruptive or abusive behaviour takes place over the telephone, staff have been advised to terminate the call. Please remember to be respectful to all. Thank you

### ENTERING AND EXITING SCHOOL



As we become familiar with the new routines, it is easy to become complacent. I would like to remind you that entrance into school is only through the two gates on the far side of the school playground and is for **pupils only**. No parents should be on the school playgrounds. The path next to the driveway is a **No Entry** and is only for exiting the school grounds. Please follow these systems. I would like to remind parents that adult social distancing is 2 metres. There are strict waiting areas for parents of children in P1-3, please adhere to these and do not approach the children as they leave school, but rather wait for them to reach you. Thank you.

### KEEPING SAFE DURING COVID-19



As the term progresses we are finding that many children are coming down with seasonal coughs and colds. This is only natural with such a large number of households gathering in one building; however we

will maintain vigilance at all times for the symptoms of COVID-19 at Hythehill. If your child presents with the following symptoms at home or in school the guidance from <https://www.nhsinform.scot/> must be followed

**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

If your child displays any of these symptoms in school, you will be contacted immediately to collect them. Please ensure that the school has the correct contact details for you at all times. You will be advised to contact NHS24 for further advice.

### COVID-19 TESTING

If you are asked to undertake a Covid-19 test, NHS24 will book you a time at a test centre. Unfortunately these appear to be spread across the north of Scotland with some families have had to travel as far as Peterhead or Dornoch. All members of your household must isolate until the result is received. You must inform the school of your result and send confirmation for our records. If the result is negative and your child no longer has symptoms, they may return to school. If they have ongoing symptoms, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return. If a positive result is received you must follow the guidance you are given to keep your household and other safe.

### GROUPCALL/XPRESSIONS



Before Lockdown, we wrote to inform you that schools would be moving towards a system called Group Call to communicate with you. This system uses your email to send letters etc and mobile phone number to send text messages. As part of the information you received you were asked to register using the instructions. We are now up and running with this system. Please register. This newsletter will be issued using GroupCall and sent to you via email. For those of you who have registered you will see how this system works on your phone or device.

### INTERVALS and LUNCH TIMES



Interval is from 10.30am-10.50am every day for all children. Children will continue to be split across the three areas; top playground (P1-3), lower playground and field (P4-7) with the possibility of implementing allocated zoned areas for each year group.

As the Scottish Government has opened play parks, the children will be allowed to play on the gym trail. This will be timetabled for classes or year groups. Other play equipment will be out of bounds and the sharing of equipment is not permitted, this includes bringing footballs from home. Class footballs will be provided and hygiene practices will be followed.

Children will eat their snack inside the classroom, as to prevent any seagull incidents.

Lunchtimes continue to be split into four settings at this time as to avoid mass gatherings.

- P1 and P2 (including the 2s from P2/3) will go into the canteen for lunch at 12.00pm, P3 (including 3s from P2/3) will be supervised outside
- P3 (including P3s from P2/3 and P3/4) and P4 (including 4s from P3/4) will go to the canteen at 12.15pm for lunch

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- P5 will go for lunch at 12.30pm in the canteen whilst P6 and P7 are supervised outside.
- P6 and P7 will go to the canteen at 12.45pm for lunch

Once the children have eaten their lunch, they will be directed outside for some fresh air and an opportunity to play.

The packed lunch offered includes a sandwich, vegetables, fruit, and a homebake and fruit juice. The children can eat as little or as much as they wish. There is not the facility to purchase juice or milk. Please do not send children with money for this. Children are welcome to bring their own packed lunch if this is preferred and they have been informed by the class teacher about the routine of where to store lunch boxes before and after lunch.

Parents should utilise the I-Pay system as much as possible as the minimum top-up is £2.30. If you need your Ipay information re-sent, please email the office.

## **UNIFORM**

For Hythehill this is a white polo shirt, school sweatshirt/cardigan with dark joggers/leggings and trainers this term. Please place a pair of indoor gym shoes in their bag. These can be worn for indoor PE and/or if trainers become too muddy from Outdoor Learning.

Your child's class teacher will communicate to you via **class dojo** regarding days that the children will be outdoors and if/or when they need other items e.g. art t-shirt. This will help you when deciding what to put in bags. Please sign up to this as it is a great communication tool, especially when access to the school is restricted at this time

- **Children should only bring a water bottle, snack, packed lunch (if not having a school lunch), gym shoes, art t-shirt and coat (which can be stored in their bag)**
- **Inhalers and hand gel will be kept in their individual trays**
- **Children do not require pencil cases, mobile phones or any other items**

## **HOMEWORK AND REPORTING TO FAMILIES**



Homework has gone home this week. Homework will look different this session due to the quarantine restrictions of 72 hours for items being returned from home to school. Reading books will not go home.

P2-6 will have two jotters and P7 will be using Teams

**RED** – for odd weeks (3, 5, 7 & 9) – these weeks will be spelling and comprehension activities

**BLUE** - for even weeks (4, 6 & 8) – these weeks will be spelling and numeracy activities

Homework will be issued on a Monday to be returned by Thursday. It is your responsibility and that of your child to

return the jotter on time to ensure that the education of your child is progressed and that Covid-19 Hygiene regulations are adhered to.

At Hythehill, we also issue weekly Reporting to Families. This informs you of the weekly-intended learning and gives you, your child and the class teacher an opportunity to comment. In light of the current situation, we have amended this. Your child will continue to receive a comment every four weeks. The week your child receives a written comment their Reporting to Families folder will be sent home and you will have an opportunity to read the intended learning, teacher comment, pupil comments and then comment yourself before returning it to school. The intended learning for each week will be posted on Class Dojo, as well.

## **THEME**



This term the whole school will be undertaking the same theme

- Getting It Right For Every Child
- using the Well-being indicators as a focus. This theme will support settling the children back into school life following lockdown and remote online learning, also supporting

social, emotional, physical and mental well-being.

WEEK 2 – Safe

WEEK 3 – Healthy – 24<sup>th</sup> August

WEEK 4 – Active – 31<sup>st</sup> August

WEEK 5 – Nurtured – 7<sup>th</sup> September

WEEK 6 – Achieving – 14<sup>th</sup> September

WEEK 7 – Respect – 21<sup>st</sup> September

WEEK 8 – Responsible – 28<sup>th</sup> September

WEEK 9 – Included – 5<sup>th</sup> October

There are numerous online resources, you, as a family can look at to support this theme and discuss together at home.

## **MAINTENANCE WORK ON THE SCHOOL**



A huge thank you to Morrison Construction who have worked tirelessly with the school to ensure building work is carried out with the least disruption. All new doors have been fitted, with electrical work being undertaken this week.

## **DOOKING**

It has been brought to my attention by concerned parents that children, mostly Primary 7, are 'dooking' in the Harbour. I realise that this has always been a fun pastime for many generations in coastal towns; however, the concern is the lack of supervision for these children and the risks of injury. If possible, please discourage your children from this unsupervised activity and be respectful that some parents are not willing to permit their children to participate.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for your continued support