

Hythehill Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Term 3. As you will be aware we have been placed into another countrywide lockdown. School buildings are closed to pupils, except keyworker and vulnerable pupils.

STAFFING



It is always nice to start the year with good news.

I would like to offer Congratulations to Miss Megan McWhinney and her fiancé, Craig Quilter on their engagement on the 5th December, and Congratulations to Mr Stewart and his fiancée, Anna Mulford on their engagement on the 24th December. Finally, I would like to congratulate Mrs Jennifer McCracken and her husband, John, on becoming first-time grandparents on Christmas Day to a beautiful granddaughter, Payton.

I would like to welcome Mrs Margaret Burns to Primary 4 on a Thursday and Friday, and to thank her for commitment to Hythehill during a time of vacancy.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Claire Anderson to Hythehill, as a new PSA. Mrs Anderson will be working on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

LOCKDOWN 2021 – Update



The staff will be accessing the building on a regular basis to school 'in-school' learning and remote learning via Dojo.

All learning will be posted on Class Dojo and supported by the class teacher, the stage teacher and SfL. Please make sure you can access Dojo to see the learning activities. There should be no requirement to print the activities as all children will be provided with a 'Home Learning' jotter. You will receive an email when these are to be collected. All work is to be completed in these jotters. The jotters will be returned to school when we reopen for all children. It is important that the children engage in the learning and activities set. You can contact your child's teacher as normal through Dojo. The Senior Leadership Team will be in school every day and can be contacted using the school office number.

Children attending school will be undertaking the same learning and activities, as posted on the Class Dojo. This is to provide consistency of learning and teaching, coverage and allow teachers to track progress over time for all pupils.

'IN-SCHOOL' ARRANGEMENTS

Formal online learning and 'in-school' learning commences on **Monday 11th January**. If your child/ren are attending school, they must wear school uniform, as previously agreed for Term 1 and 2. They are to bring a snack, water bottle and pack lunch (if they are not having a school lunch). They must wear warm clothing, and have a warm coat for outdoor activities. Additional items can not be dropped off at school.

There will be no indoor PE as laid out in the Tier 4 restrictions. Stringent hand sanitising and hand washing remains in place. The 2m social distancing between adults and children will be adhered to, where this is not possible fluid resistant face coverings will be worn. For the Enhanced Provision, full PPE kit is worn at all times. Additional cleaning measures remain in place at all times.

From the 11th January P1, P2, P2/3 and P3 will line up in the top playground

P3/4 and P4 will line up at the P3/4 door

P5, P6 and P7 will line up at the P7 door.

UNIFORM

There are no further changes to uniform expectations at this time - **a white polo shirt, blue school sweatshirt/cardigan with dark joggers/leggings and trainers**. During the colder months, please make sure your children are wearing extra layers and are prepared for weather changes – coat, waterproofs, wellies, hat, scarf and gloves.

REMINDERS

- 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

KEEPING SAFE DURING COVID-19



We continue to maintain a vigilance at all times for the symptoms of COVID-19 at Hythehill. We will follow the guidance from <https://www.nhsinform.scot/>

You will also have received an update of the processes followed by the Moray Council and NHS Grampian Public Health when an outbreak is detected in a school environment.

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, is unwell in school, or informs a staff member that they feel unwell with symptoms of Covid-19, you will be contacted immediately to collect them. Please ensure that the school has the correct contact details for you at all times.

It would be preferable that any adult from their household picks them up and not a grandparent. Please ensure you **do not** send your child to school unwell. I have a care of duty to look after all the staff and pupils at Hythehill.

CAR PARK



Please **DO NOT** use the staff and visitors' car park for picking up or dropping off children.

This is applicable to school and nursery parents and carers. Staff have priority parking at all times.

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ADVERSE WEATHER

It is getting to that time of the year and I would like to remind you that school closure information can be found on the Moray Council website www.schoolclosures.moray.gov.uk/, on Moray Firth Radio and on the school's telephone information line. Should the school ever need to close during the school day, parents will be informed by text message where possible; therefore please ensure that the school has an up to date mobile and email contact for your child/ren. Thank you

When severe weather warnings are received we will endeavour to keep the telephone information line updated. Please note there this is an 0870 service and that there is a charge. Calls to this number will be charged at 2p per minute plus your call provider's access charge.

1. Dial 0870 054 9999
2. Enter PIN number: 031270
3. You will get a message: "You have selected Hythehill Primary School"

You will be presented with a set of options:

Press 1 – to hear severe weather information

Press 2 – to leave a non-urgent message

Press 3 – to hear general school information

Press 4 – to enter a different school PIN number

Press 5 - to end the call.

On mornings when the weather is particularly poor, I would kindly ask that you drop your children off no earlier than 8.50am. I would also like to remind children to wrap up warm, and if necessary pop a change of joggers in their bag if they do not have waterproof trousers etc.

We are unable to have gatherings in the hall at this time, and due to union regulations and teacher contracts, their working day commences at 8.55am and so children cannot be unsupervised in the classrooms. I am looking at alternatives and if I can find one, I will communicate this immediately.