



EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Dear Parent

Return to School 25-26

We hope you have all had a good break and have enjoyed the extended spell of good weather. After nearly 8 weeks away, it has been great to welcome everyone back. We extend a special welcome back to Mrs Donaghy who returns to teach P3 after her maternity leave.

As usual there are a few reminders that we need to communicate to you so please excuse the length of the letter.

Lunches

The lunch menu for this session can be found [here](#). We have started back on Week 1.

Please remember that all lunch orders must be placed by 9.30am. If your child is going to arrive later than 9.30am and requires a school dinner, please contact the school office so our admin team can notify the canteen.

School lunches are free for all pupils in P1 – P5. The Ipay system can be used to pay for school lunches where pupils are in P6 or P7.

Xpressions App

This is now called EduSpot but its functions remain the same. You may need to update your Xpressions app to have the current version.

As of next week, we will cease e-mail correspondence and use only Eduspot to communicate with you. This is to save parents receiving duplicate information. If you cannot access EduSpot, please let us know.

Start / End of day arrangements

Drop-off

- **P1 parents:** Arrangements for P1 are communicated via the P1 Facebook page.
- **P2-P7 parents:** We ask that you drop your child at the gate and do not enter the playground unless by prior agreement with the school.

Pick-Up

- P2s should initially be collected from classroom doors by a parent or known adult at 3.00pm. Any changes to this will be communicated via the P2 Facebook Page.
- P3s will be dismissed from their classroom door and will head to the gate at the P1 end of the school. Parents of P3 pupils should wait outside the gates rather than come to the classroom door.
- P4s – P7s will normally make their way out of the gate at the P7 end of the school - but can go out of the P1 gate if they are meeting adults who are collecting younger siblings.

We also respectfully ask that you stand back a little from the gate at the P1 end of the school at busy times. We have a number of pupils (especially those who have neurodivergent conditions) who struggle with busy spaces so it would be ideal to offer these pupils a little more space.

Mobile Phone Policy

Following consultation with parents, Moray Council has introduced a new policy which says mobile phones should not be present in primary schools unless certain exceptions apply and are agreed with the school. These are:

- Young carers requiring on-going contact with family members
- Those with medical conditions that require a mobile phone for monitoring purposes
- Those who experience more acute anxiety
- If a phone is part of a planned approach to meeting additional support needs
- If a child required their phone as part of a reasonable adjustment (e.g. as part of augmentative communication methods).

Due to the extensive fundraising at the end of term, we have yet to consult with the Frog Squad to completely finalise our response / policy. We will do so on the 3rd September. In the meantime, phones shouldn't be present in school.

Reminder re Personal Items in School

To avoid the risk of precious items being lost or stolen, we would advise against personal toys / possessions into school.

Please also ensure that, where possible, clothing has your child's name on items. Whilst we have good systems, items can get lost and muddled.

PE Kit

All pupils are expected to have an indoor PE kit in school consisting of shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms, a T-shirt and indoor gym shoes or trainers.

Fundraising

Over the coming weeks, we will be working with the community and with suppliers of play equipment to progress the playground developments.

The summer has seen the installation of a new outdoor classroom thanks to a generous grant from Hill of Towie.

Due to the unprecedented efforts on fundraising during the summer term, we have decided to scale back on fundraising for Terms 1 and Terms 2. This will mean that we won't be doing Cauliflower Cards or a Festive Fayre this year.

Uniform

Unfortunately we have run out of stock in the school. We will be placing another order on 28th August. Please make sure all orders are placed before this date.

Nut Allergies

We have a small number of pupils with nut allergies. Even small traces of nuts can lead to severe reactions. In order to keep everyone safe, please ensure that snacks / packed lunches don't have products containing nuts. This would include popular items such as peanut butter and Nutella.

Pupil Absences

Just a reminder that Parent Portal is an easy way to record that your child absence from school.

Forthcoming Dates

Here are some of the important dates for the coming weeks. This list is not yet complete and will be updated and included in a further letter.

Date	Event
3 rd September at 6.30pm	Frog Squad Meeting
10 th September	Photographer (individuals and sibling groups)
23 rd – 25 th September	Childsmile
2 nd October	Parents' Open Evening 4pm – 6.30pm
10 th October	School closes at 3pm for October break
27 th October	School re-opens
10 th & 11 th November	INSET: school closed to pupils
2 nd & 3 rd December	Flu Vaccine

Yours sincerely



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