



## Education, Communities & Organisational Development

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope you've enjoyed the summer break, we are all very much looking forward to welcoming everybody back to school tomorrow. Morning arrangements are as always school beginning at 8.50am with everyone lining up in the dining area, dining room doors are open from 8.40am. P1 teachers will meet new P1 pupils in the playground outside the dining room at 9am.

You may already be aware that during the summer, a recent pupil of Linkwood, Kristopher King who was in P2 last session, tragically passed away. Our thoughts are very much with his family at this very sad time. On return to school, we plan to support our P3 class with the loss of their friend and if you feel that your child needs additional help or support through this difficult time then please do not hesitate to let us know. As part of the Linkwood school community, I am sure we can help each other at this sad and difficult time.

As we begin a new school session we are looking forward to sharing your child's learning journey with you and to ensure a sense of belonging and community, all pupils are expected to wear our school uniform of navy sweatshirt, dark coloured bottoms and white polo shirt. Branded clothing should be avoided and hoodies are not acceptable. Support is available to families who require help with uniform, throughout the year. Please get in touch and we can help. In the interest of health and safety at PE and in the playground, acrylic nail extensions are not suitable for school and your child will not be permitted to play outdoors or take part in PE if they are wearing these.

A reminder that there is NO parking for families on the school site between 8.30am-3pm. Miss Murray will be available to support the Walking Bus for P1-3 pupils from 8.30am tomorrow at the end of the Avenue path linking Moray Sports Centre to the school. She will set off at 8.40am. We don't currently have any parent helpers supporting this initiative and would be most grateful of any volunteers to ensure we can continue to provide the service. Electric scooters should not be brought onto the school site by pupils. Bikes and scooters should be secured by padlock in the bike park.

School will end at 2.50pm for all pupils. P1- 5 pupils will exit into the 'Bike Track' playground at the east side of the building where the sand pit is situated. P1-3 pupils should be met by a responsible parent and the teachers will ensure they are handed over to you. P6-7 pupils will exit from the stairwell adjacent to the nursery garden.

The first day back to school is full of anticipation, excitement and maybe even worry for some. Please let your children know that we can't wait to see them all and hear all their news.

Best wishes,

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