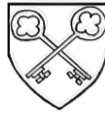


# St Thomas' Primary School and Nursery



## WELCOME BACK

It was great to welcome the children back to school and nursery on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August. They all seem to have settled back in really well and have adapted really well to the new COVID-19 safety guidelines. I would also like to take the opportunity to remind parents of the government's social distancing guidelines when picking up or dropping off your child. School community safety is a priority at the moment.

### School Staffing

Our updated staff list for 2020-21 is as follows:

Head Teacher	Mrs Maureen Byrne
Class Teacher (P1 2)	Mrs Alison Field
Class Teacher (P3 4 5)	Miss Kirsten Ferguson/Mrs Maureen Byrne
Class Teacher (P6 7)	Mrs Deborah Gault
Support For Learning Teacher	Mrs Clare McCann
McCrone Teacher	Vacancy – covered by Mrs Karen Rolfe
Children's Supervisor/ Classroom Assistant	Mrs Elaine Gray
Pupil Support Assistant	Mrs Jane Farquhar
Pupil Support Assistant	Mrs Janice Innes
Pupil Support Assistant	Mrs Shirley Mitchell
Primary School Administrator	Mrs Brenda Winchester
Catering Supervisor	Mrs Sharron Baillie
Catering Assistant	Mrs Lynne Ingram
Janitor	Mr Alan Fallow/Mr Brian Forsyth
Cleaners	Mrs Vicky Murray/Mrs Maureen Tang

Nursery Staffing – details to follow in next Nursery newsletter

## P.E.

Please be advised that P.E. days for the classes are as follows. P.E. kits should be worn to school on P.E. days. Suggested P.E. kits – joggers/leggings, plain t-shirt, school jumper and a change of shoes.

P1-2 – details to follow.

P3-5 – straight after lunch on a Tuesday and Thursday.

P6-7 – Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

## School Lunches

A cold selection of sandwiches is currently on offer and the menus can be found in the Information Section of the school app.

Eat Out to Help Out – School meals will be half price on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during August as part of the government’s initiative “Eat Out to Help Out”.

Please note that no nuts should be brought into school for snacks due to safety and allergy reasons.

## Laptops/i-pads

Please be reminded that the Moray Council ICT Device Loan Scheme has ended if you have a laptop or i-pad it would be appreciated if these could be returned to school as soon as possible as they are needed for learning in school. Contact the school to arrange a drop off time.

## Mental Health Support - Grampian Psychological Resilience Hub

The hub was set up to directly respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is led by senior psychologists from Grampian and staffed by a range of professional groups. In the first six weeks of operation, the hub has seen over 250 people and demand continues to grow week on week. It’s a completely virtual hub, with support available by telephone. You can self refer - you don’t need your GP or other clinician to refer you. The referral form is available at: [covid19.nhsgrampian.org/mental-health-support/](https://covid19.nhsgrampian.org/mental-health-support/) The Hub is open to a wide range of health and social care staff - including care home staff - working across Grampian and any member of the general public. The hub is not just for adults - children and young people can receive support as well. The hub is also supporting staff and the public in Orkney. You do not need to be at ‘crisis’ point to access the hub - around a third of those seen so far have been supported with lower levels of anxiety or depression.

## Financial Support For Families

Please go to the Information Section of the School App to find details of Financial Support For Families.