

Wednesday 19 August 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

1. Welcome to the new school session, 2026/27

Following on from the information pack you received from the school at the start of August, I write to you with our pupils returning to school today.

2. General School Updates

(a) New Secondary One Pupils

We are very much looking forward to welcoming 142 new secondary one pupils into the school this morning.

Whilst this is an exciting time for secondary one pupils, it can also be quite daunting. If there are any concerns or worries as children make the transition into secondary school, please do get in touch with your child's Pupil Support Teacher on the school's phone number 01595 808008.

(b) Staffing

As we start the session, we welcome five new teaching staff to the school:

- Miss McCheyne our new English teacher.
- Miss Austin our probationer English teacher.
- Mr Carson our Maths probationer.
- Mrs Dean and Miss Garriock our new Support for Learning teachers in the Complex Needs Department.

We also have a number of Learning Support Workers starting in the school this week.

We welcome back the following colleagues:

- Mrs McNicol, Principal Teacher of Modern Languages.
- Dr O'Nions, teacher of English.
- Mr Arthur, teacher of Science and Chemistry.

3. Contacting the School

Pupil Support teachers are the first point of contact for issues or concerns you would like to discuss about your child's education.

You may also wish to contact your child's Year Group Head:

- Ms Jamieson, Depute Head Teacher, Year Group Head, Secondary One and Secondary Two.
- Mr Robertson, Depute Head Teacher, Year Group Head, Secondary Three and Secondary Four.
- Mr Redman, Depute Head Teacher, Year Group Head, Secondary Five and Secondary Six.

4. School News

Regularly updated school news can be found on our website

www.anderson.shetland.sch.uk and on the Anderson High School's Facebook page.

5. New Mobile Phone Policy

From today, the school will be following the latest SIC mobile phone policy. The infographic is shared below with key information.

Pupils will be reminded of this new mobile phone policy in school and in classes through the week.

We do hope that we will not have situations where we need to confiscate pupils' phones until the end of the school day in line with the consequences in the new policy.

However, if a phone is confiscated from a pupil, and they wish to eat outside of school, they will need an alternative payment method, such as cash or card, as the phone will remain in the school office over lunch time, if confiscated.

6. Special Diet Request Form

A reminder that all parents/carers must complete the online Special Diet Request Form whenever a dietary requirement, food allergy, intolerance, medical condition or other dietary need is identified for their child.

The online form is available on the Council's website.

[School Meals – Shetland Islands Council](#)

7. Key Dates in Term One (further information will follow during the term)

Date	Event
Wednesday 19 August 2026.	Pupils start the new session.
Friday 18 September 2026.	S3 Monitoring information handed out to S3 pupils.
Tuesday 22 September 2026.	S3 Parents' Evening.
Wednesday 07 October 2026.	S1 Parents' Evening.
Friday 09 October 2026.	Last day of term one.

I wish our pupils all the very best as we start the new term today.

Yours sincerely

Robin Calder
Head Teacher