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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 4. We are so delighted to see and hear happy bairns in school again. Let's hope for a settled term with no more closures!

Looking back to previous years this is usually a frantically busy term with outings, events and visits. Unfortunately, in current circumstances these won't be happening this year. Let's hope for normal service to resume next year.

We continue to do all we can to keep everyone safe. Please remember to adhere to physical distancing and wear a face covering when picking up and dropping off your child. **Please remain 2m from the school to allow space for the children to exit safely.**

If your child or any member of your household is displaying the symptoms of Covid-19, you must isolate immediately and book a test.

The school Day

Can I please remind all parents that there is **no supervision in the playground until 8.45 am**. If you need to drop your child any earlier than this, they can attend breakfast club, which runs from 8-8.45am. It only costs £1 per day and you do not need to book this in advance.

Staffing Changes

We are delighted to welcome new staff to our team.

Mrs Emma Mylett has started as our new clerical assistant. She is settling in well and getting up to speed with the vast array of tasks within her role as well as getting to know all the staff, children and parents.

Mrs Maureen Newlands joined us last term as learning support worker and Miss Elle Casey started as learning support assistant.

Mrs Carrie Morrison is now working as learning support worker for 4 days in a permanent position, leaving her substantive role in nursery. Mrs Amy Colvin is seconded into the PEF learning support worker role for 2 days, remaining as practitioner in nursery on Monday and Tuesdays. Miss Curstaith Mackay is now ELC practitioner for 4 days and ELC support worker for 1 day. Miss Ella Roberts is ELC support worker for 4 days.

Mrs Anna Mainland is our play practitioner in NOOSC. The play support worker role is still vacant and is currently being covered by Mrs Marion Sutherland.

Playtimes

The P1-3 pupils will continue to use the upper playground. P4-7 will use the lower playground. P5-7 will have access to the multicourt. We hope this small change in arrangements will support the children's wellbeing.

Please make sure your child is appropriately dressed for outdoor playtimes and learning.



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Transition

We are working on transition arrangements between classes, nursery - P1 and P7 to secondary school. As yet we do not know what our staffing will be for the next session so this means we are not able to implement the plans until this is finalised. We will be in touch as soon as we have the information. Thank you for your patience.

Health and Wellbeing

This term we will be working on Relationships and Changing Me. If you would like to discuss this or come in and look at the resources used, please contact me at school. The lessons on Changing Me will be starting in some classes on Friday.

It is important that children receive consistent and accurate messages regarding relationships, sexual health and parenthood education. Effective education can empower children that their bodies are their own and how to keep themselves safe and healthy.

To find out more please click the link below.

[Sex Education in Scottish Schools. A Guide for Parents and Carers.](#)

Paper copies can be requested from the school office.

Voar Redd-Up

We are able to take part in the Voar Redd-Up this year. We won't be able to do our whole school beach clean at Boddam, but individual classes will be going out in the surrounding area to pick up litter. Class teachers will let you know the days your child will be going out so they can be dressed appropriately.

Playleaders

The P5 class will undertake their playleader training on Monday afternoons in May and June. This means they will be ready to start their duties when they come in to Primary 6.

Long Weekend

We have a long weekend in May. The school and NOOSC will be closed to staff and pupils on Friday 21st May and Monday 24th May.

Yours Sincerely

A. L. Henderson

Head Teacher