

SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL

Children's Services



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Wednesday 18th August 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school today, our first day went very smoothly and you should all be very proud of your bairns. It was great to see the pupils all mixing in the playground and in the school this morning, catching up with A special welcome to all the new pupils in school and we hope that they enjoy their time at Hamnavoe Primary.

School Timetable

This term our daily school timetable will be as follows:-

Monday	Music for all classes with Mrs Pottinger Class PE P5-6 and P1-2 Assembly week about for P1-4 and P5-7
Tuesday	ASN with Mrs Robertson from 0900 to 1230 hrs Fiddle with Ms Scott from 0900
Wednesday	ASN with Mrs Robertson from 0900 to 1230 hrs PE with Mr Kirkness for P3-4 and P7 Accordion Lessons with Mr Wood from 0900 hrs Strings and Piano Lessons with Ms. Irvine from 0900 hrs
Thursday	ASN with Mrs Robertson from 0900 to 1500 hrs Class PE P1-2 and P7 Piano Lessons with Mrs Peterson
Friday	Art for all classes with Mrs Burr Virtual Star Badge Assembly and Golden Time

PE could be outdoors so please come dressed for outdoor PE. Please bring in a named PE kit to keep in school. An old shirt is also needed for art.

School Lunches and Milk

Pupils must opt in our out for a school dinner or a home packed lunch from next **Monday** for the whole term. Vegetarians are catered for, as are dietary needs if we are made aware of this. The cost of school lunches **remains at £2.20** per day for pupils in P4-7. School lunch is provided free for all pupils in P1-3. Fresh milk is available every day at a cost of **90p** per week for all pupils. School meals and milk must be paid for using the ParentPay system. All new parents will be sent an activation letter shortly so they can use the system to pay for school milk and lunches. In the meantime, please complete and return the slip below **by Monday 17th** August 2021 to let us know your child's choices. Due to Covid restrictions we can still only offer a reduced menu. You will find this attached.

New Starts

Our new P1 pupils will stay at school all day. A whole school might be tiring for them so afternoons will be relaxed with reduced demands. It is a settling in period so we can be flexible with their attendance as they make the full transition into Primary 1.

New Staff

A warm welcome to our new teachers Miss Fullerton in P3-4 and Ms Thomason in P1-2 and our new fiddle teacher Ms Scott.

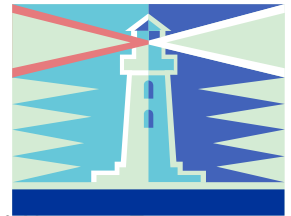
Homework

Homework will be sent home in schoolbags, once we are underway. We will also use Glow and pupil accounts and passwords will be shared with pupils when we start this.

Pupil Absences

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Please inform the school in advance of any planned absences by filling in a Leave of Absence Form available from the school office. If your child is absent due to illness, please phone the school office between 9 and 9.30 am. Any unexplained absences will be followed up by office staff.

Car Parking

Please avoid parking at the west side of the school when dropping off or picking up pupils from school and use the Pink Hall car park whenever possible.

Holiday Dates

Please find attached a calendar of the school year with all school holidays marked on – please keep this in a safe place for future reference.

Covid restrictions

There are still a number of restrictions in place in school to ensure the safety of everyone in school. These were explained in communications emailed to you earlier this week.

Communicating with the School

Currently we can't offer our open door policy so parents wishing to have a conversation with the class teacher can make an appointment for a phone call. An informal chat at the fire door at drop off times is also available from 0830 or at 1500 with class teachers. All letters will be emailed home unless they have a form that requires completion. Our website is updated fairly frequently and letters will be posted there too.

Instrumental Tuition

Currently we have three instrumental teachers visiting the school. There are still places available for some instruments so if your child would like to start an instrument, initially for a trial period please go to the SIC Website to complete the on-line application. **Instrumental instruction is now free.**

<https://my.shetland.gov.uk>

Medicines in school

If your child needs medication at school please ensure you complete the form for this. You can do this when dropping off the medication. Pupils who wish to carry their own medication eg. Inhalers must have a form completed by the parent to authorise permission for this.

Pupils travelling to school by bus

There is an escort on the Hamnavoe school bus. Each morning teachers make a list of all the pupils travelling home by bus. Please make sure your child knows their arrangements. The list is checked by a member of staff and the P1-4 group is escorted to the bus at 1500.

Parent Council

The first meeting of the PC is planned for 8th September. The AGM is at 1800 followed by the first meeting at 1830. New members are welcomed. The first meeting will be virtual. Please contact the chairperson if you are keen to get involved. <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/hamnavoeprimary/for-parents/parent-council/>

If you have any queries on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Helen Robertson

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Head Teacher

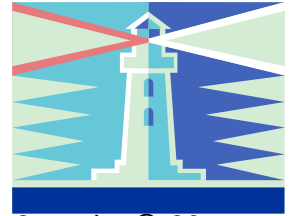
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School Dinners and School Milk

I do want _____ to have milk at school this session.

I do not want _____ to have milk at school this session.

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I will arrange payment of the £7.20 for the present term (August to October – 8 weeks @ 90p per week) to be paid using my ParentPay account.

My child _____ will be taking a home packed lunch this term.

Signed _____

Date _____

Please return to the school office by Monday 17th August 2020