



Shetland Islands Council



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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID Measures

Can we please take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of a couple of things:

Pick up/Drop off

Face coverings should be worn by parents and other visitors to all school sites including parents at drop-off and pick-up.

Parents/carers are asked to maintain social distancing with other adults and children during pick up and drop off.

The school doors open at 0900 when we have staff available to support learners with hand sanitisation.

Website page

Our school website provides all the COVID related school information in one place.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/ollaberryprimaryschool/>

Water bottles

We are unable to give out bottles of water to our pupils this time. Please can children bring in their own refillable water bottle to keep in class during the school day.

Christmas Arrangements

We are really keen to ensure that we make Christmas as special as we can for the bairns in the school. Needless to say we will have to be creative and change a lot of our current practices.

The following plans are in place:

Christmas Parties

Each class will have their own party within their classroom. Dates will be shared and if the children want to wear party clothes, they should come to school already dressed in these. A small snack and drink will be provided. Please do not send in food or drink for the parties. Class teachers are keen to involve the children in the planning, preparation and budgeting of their party.

Christmas Cards

Our own Christmas Postbox is available and anyone wishing to give cards to their friends can use this. The last day for 'posting' is Thursday 17 December to allow time for quarantining items, sorting and delivery to learners.

Christmas craft

On Tuesday 22 December each child will take home a bag containing any Christmas items they have made and their cards from friends.

Christmas Outdoor Performance

We are delighted to be able to put on a short, outdoor, Christmas performance of songs and instrumental solo items this year in the playground. We would like to invite you to come to join us at the school for this socially distanced event on Tuesday 15th December at 2.15pm. We are really hoping the weather is kind to us however, if the weather is very poor we will be able to film our performance and share this with you digitally. Parents will be asked to stand at the playground wall to watch and listen to the bairns. Please feel free to take a cup of something fine and hot with you to keep away the winter chills!

Christmas Lunch

Despite the current restrictions, the catering staff are really keen to provide a special roast dinner with all the trimmings this year. This will be on Thursday 10 December in the canteen. Children who do not normally take a school dinner can opt in for this day only.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 11 December. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, they can wear something Christmassy e.g. a piece of tinsel. We do not wish to incur additional costs to anyone.

Ollaberry Bairns Party

Santa has been in contact with us at school to say he is aware the Ollaberry bairns Christmas party has been cancelled this year. He has asked us to help to deliver his presents in school. We are very happy to be able to help!

Yours sincerely

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