

Meldrum School Newsletter

19th February 2021



Following the First Minister's announcement on Tuesday, we look forward to welcoming our younger children back to school next week. All Nursery - P3 pupils will return to school from Monday 22nd February 2021. For the moment, P4 – P7 pupils will continue to learn remotely via Google Classroom.

P1-3 Return

All arrangements for Nursery – P3 children remain the same as there were previously. All prior health and safety measures will remain in place with the addition of voluntary COVID testing of our staff twice per week. To reduce possible transmission between home and school, children should not bring school bags to school. The school lunch menu will commence on week 4. The latest school dinner menu is available [here](#).

A reminder that parents should drop children at the school gate and are not permitted to enter the school playground (the only exception to this is parents of nursery children). Adults should wear a face covering at drop off and pick up and maintain 2 metre distancing from adults and other children at all times. In order to keep everyone as safe as possible, adults should not linger or gather at the school gates.

It is important that we all remain vigilant to the symptoms of COVID-19. Children should not come to school if they have – a new continuous cough, fever/high temperature, loss of or change in sense of smell or taste. National advice around self isolating and testing should always be followed. Should your child display any of these symptoms whilst in school, you will be contacted and asked to collect your child.

P4-7 Remote Learning

We have made a couple of changes to Remote Learning for P4-7 and these are detailed below.

We have had positive feedback about the face-to-face interaction provided during our twice weekly Google Meet Sessions and these will continue. On the remaining three days, teachers will offer drop-in Google Meet sessions for children to access should they have any queries about any aspect of their work. The times of Google Meet and drop-in session will be posted on the class stream. Teachers will also continue to post videos and audio files as appropriate. Teachers will continue to post one literacy and one numeracy task each day at around 9am. Class grids with additional activities will also continue but will be posted each Wednesday and will run until the following Wednesday. We hope this will allow families greater flexibility to access activities over seven days.

With P4-7 learning at home for a further period of time, we appreciate the challenges some families are facing balancing working and learning from home as well as other aspects of family life. Please remember literacy and numeracy tasks are available for children to access all week and the grid activities for seven days so please do not feel under pressure to complete tasks on the day they are issued.

I very much hope to welcome our P4-7 children back to school very soon.

As always, please get in touch on meldrum.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk should you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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