



Bervie School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week marks the half way point in term 2 and it seems as though the weeks are passing quickly! Much of the information in this newsletter is related to updated Government guidance and our local situation. Schools have been asked to share this widely within our communities to raise awareness and remind everyone of the importance of sticking to current Government guidance for Tier 2. As always, your patience, understanding and ongoing support is much appreciated.

Heather Grant
Head Teacher

Government Guidance Covid 19

You will be aware from recent Government announcements that Aberdeenshire remains at Tier 2 for the next week. Colleagues in Public Health have advised that the rate of infection per 100,000 across Aberdeenshire is on the rise and if this trend continues, it is likely that we will face a move to Tier 3.

As a community, we must continue to be stringent in following the guidance issued in relation to Tier 2 to stop the spread of the virus and ensure the safety of pupils, families and school staff.

The guidance is clear that you should not meet anyone who is not in your household indoors in your home or in their home. This includes children under 12 and applies to play dates and sleepovers – these are not permitted under the guidance.

Children should not be collected from school in groups for the purpose of play dates. Children can be collected in groups by a childminder or for ongoing childcare arrangements. We are aware of situations where this is happening, as children are regularly sharing stories about sleepovers and play dates with school staff. We have a collective responsibility to follow the guidance as it is set out and be mindful of the impact of our actions in the current climate.



Upcoming Events

November 20

In Service Day

November 23

BSA Meeting 7.00pm

Contact Details

School phone number:
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Eco Schools

We are delighted to have been awarded our 6th Green Flag for our Eco Schools work. A great effort from everyone. We are thankful to our community partners who support our eco work.



As previously advised, face coverings should be worn by parents and carers at pick up and drop off, and it has been great to see everyone making an effort with this.

Proper hand washing is an essential part of reducing the risk of virus transmission and we continue to reinforce this with the children through regular handwashing throughout the school day.

Public Health colleagues have asked that schools share this information across our communities to remind everyone of the importance of sticking to the guidance and following FACTS to stop the spread of the virus and avoid a potential move to Tier 3 restrictions. Your ongoing support with this is appreciated.



Staffing Update

We are pleased to have Mrs Cummins, PSA back with us in school. We have welcomed Mrs Lisa Keith to the teaching staff team on a part time, fixed term basis. Mrs Keith's appointment is a result of additional funding from The Scottish Government to support Covid recovery in schools. Mrs Keith will work alongside teaching staff to support both individuals and groups of learners.

BSA

The Bervie School Association will meet on Monday 23rd November at 7.00pm. This will be a virtual meeting due to current restrictions. We are pleased to welcome our new Chairperson, Julie Barnard to BSA. If you would like to join the meeting, please email the school office and a meeting invite will be sent to you. BSA play an important part in our partnership with families and the community and it would be great to welcome new faces to the group.

Christmas Arrangements

We are currently in the process of planning our Christmas activities. They will look very different this year, but we are working hard to consider how we can make some of our traditional activities work in the current climate. Further information will be issued in the coming weeks.

School Holiday Dates

October 26th

Start of Term 2

November 20th

In-Service Day

December 18th

End of Term 2

January 5th

Start of Term 3

February 12th and 15th

Occasional Day Holidays

February 16th and 17th

In-Service Days

April 1st

End of Term 3

April 19th

Term 4 starts

May 3rd

May Day Holiday

June 25th

End of Session 2020/21

Children in Need

We raised a fantastic £376.16 for Children in Need. Thank you for all your contributions.

