

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very Happy & Healthy New Year to you all!

I hope you have all had a safe and enjoyable festive break, with some much needed quality family time.

For your information, please find below a statement to update parents that has been posted on the PKC website. The statement and some additional information can also be reached via the following link and can be found under the header 'Covid arrangements for the new term':

<https://www.pkc.gov.uk/coronavirus/schools>

Abernethy Plan Ahead

Our Remote Learning & Communication plan which was forwarded to all parents last term, is enclosed once again. Please also find below a timetable of class live/interactive lessons and/or meet ups. The staff shall also be recording lessons for delivery which shall be posted periodically to each class.

	Daily learning to be set by:	Live/Recorded lessons:		Learning Tool used:
		Live	Recorded	
Nursery	9am		√	Seesaw
P1/2	9am		√	Seesaw
P3	9am	√	√	Seesaw & Microsoft Teams
P4	9am	√	√	Seesaw & Microsoft Teams
P5/6	9am	√	√	Seesaw & Microsoft Teams
P6	9am	√	√	Seesaw & Microsoft Teams
P6/7	9am	√	√	Seesaw & Microsoft Teams

Live lesson/meets sessions via Microsoft teams – P3-7

Monday	9.30am – P4 Group 3 (Mrs Hodgkinson) 10am – P4 Group 2 10.30am – P4 Group 1	
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	10.30am – P7	
	11am – P6	
Tuesday	10am – P3 11.30am – P5/6 (Mrs Livingstone)	1.30pm – P4 (Mrs Barnacle)
Wednesday		
Thursday	9.30am – P6	2pm – P5/6 (Mrs Hardie)
Friday		

The time slots allocated above have been planned carefully to ensure no siblings are on at the same time, as we appreciate many families shall be sharing a device.

Teachers shall also forward details of any additional or recorded lessons they shall be planning for within their seesaw daily overview.

Additional points to note:

Some of our Nursery, management and support staff and pupils have been in school on 7th & 8th January to either plan ahead or supervise in the Critical Childcare Hub. I am extremely grateful

Remote Learning will begin for all pupils on Monday 11th January and will be provided by your child/ren's teachers (who will be working from home to reduce numbers present in school).

Your child's teacher will be in contact via SeeSaw and daily work will be outlined every day by 9am. P3 upwards shall also engage with Microsoft Teams

Learning Resources

As you know we distributed each child a range of resources at the beginning of the last lock down. Many parents contacted us to say that these were not fully used and so to save wastage we would urge in the first instance to complete using these jotters etc. We shall be creating a resource box with jotters, stationary white boards etc. which shall be available to those who find they need them. Please do not hesitate to come and collect resources you require; the box will be placed at the front door of the school every day from Monday 11th January between 9am and 3pm.

Staff availability

Our teachers shall inform you of times which they shall be available for pupils to contact them. Within the day, staff shall be as prompt as possible at returning any feedback, however I would like to thank everyone in advance for their support and understanding.

As you can imagine, the majority of staff are also at home with their families and so they will be working whilst juggling day to day lock down life; we will continue to do our best for all our pupils. Admin, support and teaching staff are all available, but working and mutual understanding together shall no doubt support the smooth running of these times ahead.

Sickness absence

If your child is unwell and therefore cannot complete online learning, please can you inform us of this. We have been asked to record sick leave in the usual way and so we will need this for our attendance figures which we report directly to Scottish Government.

Scottish Government Digital Technology allocation

Those parents who have been contacted about this already, shall have further communication today regarding distribution.

On a final note, within the main school we are running at a much reduced staffing level to ensure safety for all. This does mean our office shall be unmanned at points throughout the week, therefore contact via email is preferable.

Finally, if there is anything you think we could help you with, or do to support your child's Remote Learning, please just ask. We will do our very best to help.

Please stay safe and well.

Kindest Regards,

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