

Our vision for Auchnagatt School is a secure, happy place to learn where everyone is encouraged to take pride in themselves, those around them and their work and where everyone's efforts are valued and celebrated.



Dear Parents/Carers

Partial Return to School - P1-3 Pupils

Following the First Minister's statement yesterday you will be aware that Primary Schools will be reopening to P1-3 pupils from Monday 22 February. While we are delighted to be welcoming our youngest pupils back into school and hope that this will be the beginning of a phased return for all our pupils, it does bring with it some challenges regarding staffing. Both staff and pupils safety remains our highest priority and in line with the Scottish Government's requirement to continue to work from home where possible, only staff who require to be in the school will attend. Outlined below are our plans for this phase of return under the current guidelines.

All previous mitigation measures regarding social distancing, wearing of PPE, hand hygiene, ventilation and enhanced cleaning measures will remain in place. Our one-way system, separate toileting arrangements and the use of separate entrances/exits will also remain in place. Added to this all staff who are required to regularly attend school are being offered twice weekly Lateral Flow Coronavirus Testing.

In Class

P1/2 pupils will all be returning to school and will be taught in their own class by Mrs Robertson and Mrs Johnston as per their normal timetable.

P3 pupils will work in their normal classroom and form a bubble with the small number of upper stages pupils who attend our Hub. Classwork will continue to be provided for P3 pupils by Mrs McKerrow and myself, however, to enable us to also provide online learning for the P4 children in the class, this will be posted online through Google Classroom. P3 pupils will be supervised and supported to access and complete their classwork by our PSAs, Miss Thompson and Mrs Senior.

P4-7 pupils will continue to learn remotely with their work being posted on Google Classroom.

Arriving at School

Pupils who arrive by bus are required to wear a face covering on the bus, when they are dropped off they should make their way to their designated entrance. Parents who bring their children to school by car should continue to park in the Village Hall carpark and walk their children up to school maintaining social distancing with other adults. Please aim to arrive between 8.50am and 9am when children can make their way straight to their designated entrance. Please remember that all adults who enter the school **grounds** should wear a face covering and maintain 2m social distancing.

During the School Day

Pupils will remain in their class or bubble throughout the day both in school and in the playground. The playground will be divided into 2 sections, one for each group which they will access from their designated entrances.

There will be no tuckshop so **pupils will have to bring their own snack from home.** The catering service will be delivering school lunches but at present I am unsure whether this will be a full or reduced menu. Everyone will have lunch at 12.15pm and will have designated tables for their group.

Please provide your child with a water bottle, labelled with their name, to use in school and **fill this at home** for bringing to school each day. Pupils will not be able to drink directly from the water fountain and we would like to limit the use of the filling tap as much as possible for both hygiene and to avoid congestion in the corridor.

We continue to encourage pupils to wear school uniform as much as possible, however it remains more important that pupils come to school in fresh clothes each day. Therefore, if wearing fresh school uniform every day is a problem, appropriate alternatives are acceptable eg a plain polo shirt and plain jumper/fleece/cardigan with dark trousers/skirt/shorts. We do have a limited stock of nearly new fleeces and polo shirts (particularly smaller sizes) available for a small donation to school funds, if you would like to access this please phone or email the school office to arrange. Children with long hair should also wear this tied back.

Miss Greenlaw and Mrs Edwards will continue to work from home as much as possible so please be aware that there will not regularly be anyone attending the front office. If you do need to contact the school please continue to phone or email.

We will of course continue to work together as a team to provide the best outcomes possible for the children with the resources we have and within the guidelines we are given. We will regularly review and update these procedures once we see how they run in practise and in line with any updated Scottish Government or Aberdeenshire Council advice.

Yours sincerely

Jill Thomson

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