ABERCHIRDER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2020 (1)

**Welcome Back**

We hope that everyone had a nice Summer break. It is lovely to see everyone in school and so enthusiastic to be back in the classroom.

**School Lunches**

Aberdeenshire Council are taking part in the ‘Eat Out to Help Out’ scheme and all school lunches for staff and children will be half price on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 17th August 2020 until 31st August 2020. Parents do not need to take any action as this will happen automatically through I-pay. Also, the limited menu which was available for the first 2 weeks of term has been extended and the same menu will be available for the next 2 weeks. A copy of these menus are attached to this newsletter. Can we please ask that all parents register their I-pay Impact accounts as soon as possible as no cash is permitted to be handled by the canteen staff. Although children in P1 – P3 receive free school meals it would be helpful if accounts were set up and registered when you child begins in P1. This means that accounts are set up and ready when the need arises. If you require another copy of your activation code please e-mail the school on [Aberchirder.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:Aberchirder.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) and Coleen will send the code home with your child. Thank you for your help with request.

**Parent Appointments**

This year the parent appointments will take a different form due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Parent appointments will take place over the phone on 7th September 2020 and 9th September 2020. Time slots will be sent home with children in the near future. An e-mail will be sent to all parents on the day appointments are sent home so please ensure that you check your child’s school bag on this day. Scotxed forms will not be sent home this year for parents to update their details. Instead a new parent portal will allow parents to update their details. More information on this will follow shortly.

**PE Update**

Further guidance around PE has just been received – this will continue to be outdoors only at the present time. Pupils should take a change of clothes on the day they have PE but will only require to change once. If they have PE between 9am-12.15pm they should come to school in PE clothing and have a change of clothes with them. If they have PE in the afternoon they should come to school in clothing and have a PE kit in their bag. They will go home in PE kits if they have it in the afternoon. Children do not need to have a change of shoes with them for daily changing - a change of shoes will only be required on PE days. Your child’s PE slot will be contained in the Class Newsletters which will be sent out to parents on Friday 28th August 2020. Children should ONLY adhere to the PE kit guidance on the days they have class PE. If you have any questions or queries with regard to these guidelines please contact us through the school e-mail [Aberchirder.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:Aberchirder.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

**School Car Park**

Can we please remind everyone that no vehicles should be taken into or parked in the school car park at any time between the hours of 8.30am – 3.30pm on a school day. We ask this to ensure the utmost safety of all children at all times. Thank you for your cooperation with this request.

**School Transport**

Buses will continue to drop off and collect children from the field entrance at the school and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Could we please ask that parents do not park in the marked off area adjacent to Smith Crescent between 8.30am - 9.00am and 2.45pm – 3.15pm. Thank you for your help and cooperation with this request.

**Thank You**

We as a school staff appreciate that we remain in difficult and strange times but we will keep everyone updated as circumstances change and would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their help and support. It is very much appreciated. If anyone has any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school e-mail, [Aberchirder.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:Aberchirder.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)