

Rothienorman School Newsletter

January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year to all our families at Rothienorman.

I am delighted to be joining the school on a permanent basis and looking forward to getting to know you all over the next few months.

COVID 19 Update

The following advice is taken from the updated Scottish Government guidance published this week regarding testing and self-isolation. In summary, the guidance advises that if anyone in your household has symptoms, they should isolate and book a PCR test. Others in your household who are fully vaccinated (3 doses) or under 18years and 4months old do not need to isolate as long as they are returning daily negative LFD(Lateral Flow Device) tests. Anyone over the age of 18years 4 months who is not fully vaccinated should book a PCR test and isolate for 10 days.

Regarding positive LFD tests, the updated advice is now that you are not advised to get a PCR to confirm infection but to follow isolation advice for positive tests.

The updated guidance on self-isolation is as follows: you are able to end self-isolation early if you return two consecutive negative LFD tests that are taken at least 24 hours apart with the first test being taken no earlier than day 6 if you are not displaying any fever.

Christmas jumper day

Christmas jumper day on Friday 10th December raised a fantastic £101 for Save the Children. Well done to all 😊



The Queen's Jubilee

This year the Queen celebrates her Platinum Jubilee. As a result of this, the planned May Day holiday will now take place in June. Please see the reminder dates section of the Newsletter for important dates for this session.

We look forward to participating in activities to mark this historic occasion.

REMINDER DATES:

Term 3

Wednesday 5th January 2022 - Start of term 3

Thursday 10th and Friday 11th February 2022-Local Holidays

Monday 14th February 2022 - Mid-term holiday

Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th February 2022 - In-service days

Friday 1st April 2022 - End of term 3

Monday 4th to Friday 15th April 2022 - Spring Holiday

Term 4

Monday 18th April 2022 - Start of term 4

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June - Queen's Diamond Jubilee Holiday

Monday 6th June 2022 - Local Holiday

Friday 1st July 2022 - End of term 4

Swimming sessions

P6 pupils have swimming on Friday's this term until 4th February. After the midterm break in February, P5 pupils will then have swimming on Fridays until the Spring Holiday. Information will be sent to P5 parents nearer the time.

Many thanks to the P6 parents who have volunteered to support during the swimming sessions, we are very grateful for your time.

Indoor Shoes and Winter Weather

As the winter weather is upon us, we are asking that all children bring indoor shoes, or a change of footwear that is only worn indoors. If you have difficulty funding indoor shoes, please let us know if we can help.

Can all parents/carers please ensure that their child/children are dressed appropriately for the weather each day, especially as it can change throughout the day. Thank you.



Adverse weather

Please keep an eye on the Aberdeenshire message service on the website (<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/Schools-Closures/>) for updates as your first port of call. Safety of staff and children is paramount when making decisions on transport and school closure. The school will update you as soon as we get any information so please be patient. Keep an eye on local weather updates as any ice, flooding or snow could impact on if and how children and staff get to school. Thank you.

And Finally...

We will continue to keep you informed of any updates to COVID guidance from the Scottish Government.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or comments via the email address rothienorman.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

Kind regards,

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