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**Newsletter**

**August 2020**

**Clatt School Vision**

*At Clatt School we will give children opportunities*

*to develop skills for learning, life and work to empower*

*them to make informed choices to live a happy*

*fulfilled life.*

Dear Parents,

I would like to extend to you and the pupils a very warm welcome back to school. I would also like to welcome Lily Kenworthy and her family to Clatt School.

Firstly, I would like to reiterate what I said in my end of term message and say thank you all so very much for supporting the pupils learning during lockdown. You all did a fabulous job in very difficult circumstances.

This is a new term like no other as we find ourselves still in the midst of COVID-19. As you know that means changes in how we do things in school. I have written a Risk Assessment which is available for you to read on the school website. We will be adhering to all the Scottish Government, Health Service and Aberdeenshire Council’s COVID guidelines.

Changes in school

* We are operating a one-way system around the school. The pupils enter by the back fire exit and exit by the front door. We have arrows in place to show the one-way system.
* There are hand sanitizer stations at all entrances and exits and around the school.
* The pupils all have their own tables, chairs and resources to limit sharing.
* The pupils have only to bring their P.E. kit (which has to be left in school), indoor shoes (which are to be left in school) and packed lunch (should it be required). No school bags please. There will be no reading books or homework jotters coming between school and home. This is all to limit items being taken from home to school and vice versa.
* The pupils have their own peg and shoe box. They have their own high visibility vest hanging on their peg. These will be washed regularly.
* Our cleaner will be coming into school every day for a mid-day clean as well as at the end of the day.
* If any parent needs to contact us please phone or email. If you just want a quick word you can catch us in the playground at the end of school. Please do not enter the school building.
* We are limiting visitors to essential visitors only.
* Guidance for staff is that we limit our time in the building. This means that there may not be anyone here before 8.30am and after 3.45pm, so if you need to contact us, please do so between these hours. All our planning and preparation has to be done from home.

There are other protocols that the staff and pupils will be adhering to while in school to keep everyone safe.

Staffing

This term Mrs McGuire will be teaching every Wednesday and Thursday. I will be teaching every Monday, Tuesday afternoon and Friday. Ms Taylor (PE specialist) will be teaching every Tuesday morning. Mrs Merchant will be supporting in the classroom every Monday, Wednesday morning, Thursday morning and Friday. Mrs Simpson will be in the office every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Our priorities this term will be Health and Wellbeing (to support the pupils as they adjust to being in school again), PE, Language and Maths.

While we want to ensure that our pupils are where they should be with regards to maths and language, it is essential that we address their health and wellbeing given the present circumstances.

We will be holding a special event to say a formal farewell to James G and James K who left us at the end of last term to move on to S1 at The Gordon Schools. You will be receiving an invitation.

We have some very good condition second hand sweatshirts in school just now for ages 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10. These will be sold at £5 each and monies raised will go to school funds.

Should you have any concerns with the new set up (or anything else!) please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rae

Head Teacher