



Parent Update Monday 9th November

Dear Parent/ Carer

As we enter week 3, of Term 2 the children remain settled and happy in school. The latest guidance from the Government has seen further changes for us regarding the use of face coverings which is something we are slowly getting used to.

This week's newsletter contains some information and reminders for parents as well as an update on Learning and Teaching at Loirston this term. We appreciate with all the changes that there may feel like there is a large amount of information coming your way at the moment, hopefully having it all together in one place makes it easier to find when you need it!

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome student teacher Miss Bishop to Primary 1 (Miss Bennetts class) this term. She will be observing and working with small groups, building up to 2 full days continuous teaching over the next 4 weeks

Safe Parking

Staff from the Library have been in contact with the school regarding parent parking at drop off and pick up. Sadly some damage has been done to the bollards around the library. Can we ask that anyone parking around the school at drop off and pick up, does so with care and responsibility.

Parents Evening

If you haven't already signed up for a parent appointment with your child's teacher, you can do so by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.parents-booking.co.uk/loirstonprimary>

Face Masks

You may be aware of the changes to the guidance regarding face coverings. For those that are not, school staff are now expected to wear face masks in school unless they are 2M from other adults and children at all times. The government advice also asks all parents to ensure they are wearing a face mask/ covering when they are collecting their child from the school gates.

Thank you for your support with this.

Pre-Loved Uniform

The Parent Council has a stock of pre-loved uniforms which are available to children who attend the school. Due to COVID, we have had to arrange things a little differently at this moment in time. A list of available items is attached to this newsletter. If your child could make use of any of the available pre-loved items, please complete the form below and we will send the item (s) home with your



child. Please be aware that all items have been quarantined for at least 72 hours before being sent home..

<https://forms.gle/j71LbAF9zZm153FWA>

Winter Jacket Appeal

Now that the weather is changing we are recommending that all pupils come to school with a warm, waterproof jacket. We would like to be able to offer jackets to those who don't have one for the winter period. If you have any old, warm jackets which are in good condition that you would like to donate to the appeal, we would love to take them to hand out to others that may need. Please drop any items off in the collection bins at the entrance of the school.

If you would like a winter jacket for your child, we ask that you please complete the form below so we can send one home if there are available.

<https://forms.gle/kAj7eVjbQhFJVdqv8>

Easy Fundraising

Loirston School are part of #easyfundraising. It is a great site where you can raise money for FREE when you shop online. All you have to do is create a FREE account and choose to support Loirston Primary School Parent Council. There are 4,000+ shops and sites (including all the BIG names like eBay, John Lewis and Partners, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat and many more). They donate to us every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them.

Here is the link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/loirstonprim/>

Children in Need

This Friday (13th) we are inviting children to come to school in their pyjamas in support of Children in Need. As an extra bit of fun we would love to see who can wear the most clashing pyjamas!

We are unable to take donations in school, but if you would like to donate then please use the link below.

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Twitter

Have you seen our school Twitter page? Our classes are sharing their learning on Twitter regularly. If you are not already following the school's page, give us a follow at @LoirstonPrimary .

Playground Playdale Equipment

A reminder that the Playdale equipment at the back of the school is **not in use** at this moment in time in line with Aberdeen City Council guidance. We would appreciate it if all parents could leave the school grounds as soon pupils have been collected. Thank you for supporting this.



Learning and Teaching at Loirston



Emotion Works

Emotion Works is a new programme that the school are using to support pupils with understanding their feelings and emotions. Please find attached a Parent Information Leaflet which explains the programme in more detail.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Throughout the school, over the next few weeks, all classes will be participating in a unit of work of Personal and Social Education. This unit will cover a variety of topics including Use of Substances, Physical Changes and Sexual Health. This is an important part of the curriculum that is covered across all stages of primary school.

Below is a brief outline of what each stage will be covering. This provides basic information about the learning objectives, which will hopefully enable you to support the learning journey for your child as they develop an awareness of their personal identity, health, relationships and keeping safe.

Primary 1

- Body changes and correct terminology for body parts
- Helpful and harmful substances
- Getting help in unsafe situations

Primary 2

- When medication is required and its benefits
- How the misuse of medication can be harmful
- When and how to contact emergency services

Primary 3

- What is needed for growth and development of animals, plants and humans
- How to meet the basic needs of a baby e.g. eye contact, cuddling, washing, changing, feeding

Primary 4

- Correct body part terminology and functions
- Body changes at different stages of life
- Family differences and the variety of people who may care for us

Primary 5

- Being positive about own body image and appearance



- Different kinds of friendships and relationships and skills to manage these e.g. tolerance, loyalty, empathy
- Impact of positive relationships on emotional wellbeing
- Emotion management strategies
- Skills and qualities required to be a parent/carer

Primary 6 & 7

- Correct terminology for all private body parts and reproductive organs.
- Human conception, pregnancy and contraception
- Physical and emotional changes during puberty
- Hygiene during puberty
- Sexual diversity and gender identity

Primary 3 Learning

P3A have been learning about the special rules for the fire circle, what to do in an emergency and the three elements needed to make a fire – oxygen, fuel and spark. The boys and girls enjoyed making a spark using a flint and steel.



Showcasing..... Primary 1!

We appreciate how different school is for everyone this year and it may feel like you don't know what is going on in classrooms around the school. For this reason, we would like to share a short snippet from our classes each week to share some of the learning experiences that are happening. This week we start with Primary 1! <https://youtu.be/iSOVqt15y8A>

Dates for your Diary

Parents Evenings	Tuesday 10th November - 3.30-5.30pm Thursday 12th November- 5-7pm Tuesday 17th November- 3.30- 5.30pm Thursday 19th November- 5-7pm
Inservice Day- Staff Only	Friday 20th November
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 11th December
Christmas Holidays	Friday 18th December- Tuesday 5th January

