

Brunstane Primary School



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Wednesday 27th April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you and your family had a wonderful spring break and had some opportunities to make the most of the sunny weather.

We are delighted to be back for the summer term and are very excited to start making up for lost time both by getting back out beyond the school boundaries on trips and by welcoming families back into the school.

Covid-19 Updates

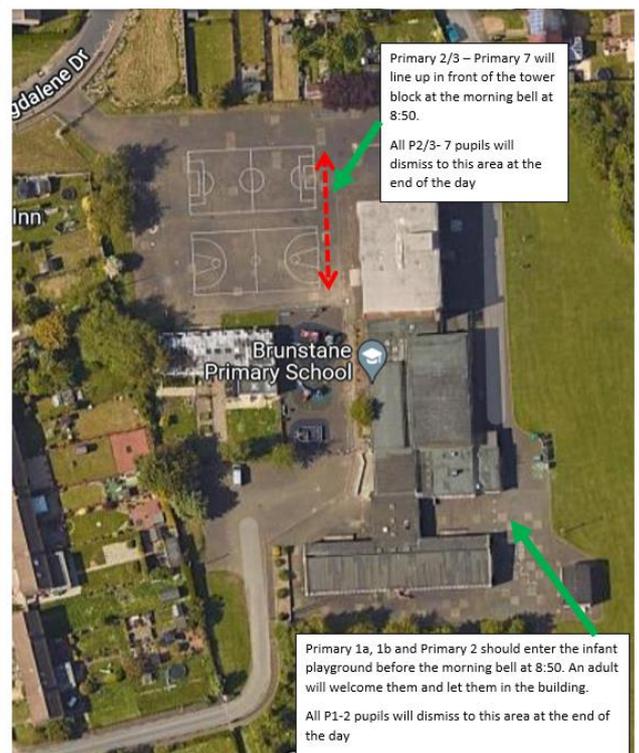
As expected, the majority of the current safety rules will no longer be mandatory requirements from this term onwards.

Whilst this is fantastic news and will mark an important step towards resumption of normal school life, it is important the whole school community follow a responsible and considered approach to ensure there are no setbacks as restrictions ease.

We are delighted to confirm that we will be able to allow adults in the playground before and after school **starting Wednesday 4th May**.

This means that we will be changing where some of the pupils currently line up and the doors that they use to enter the building.

- Primary 2/3 to Primary 7 will line up between the tower block and the concrete sports courts. These classes will dismiss to this area at the end of the day.
- Primary 1a, 1b and Primary 2 will be greeted in the infant playground (between the school kitchen and the P1b classroom). These classes will dismiss to this area at the end of the day.
- Parents/Carers are welcome to wait with their child but are asked to keep socially distanced (this means parents/carers will not be able to stand next to their child once they line up).
- Families can enter from any of the campus gates **but we ask that families do not use the access road by the grass playground to leave as this is used by taxis at the end of the day.**



Further to this, we are delighted to confirm that

- We will be able to allow adults into school for school events
- We will be able to have guests and visitors at school assemblies
- We will be able to access a greater range of venues for school trips
- We will be able to use public transport for school trips
- We will be able to offer shared learning events for families in school

We look forward to sharing the details of these events with you very soon!

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, the Covid rules that will stay in place after the spring break centre on adult to adult distancing and the continued wearing of face coverings inside the building. We ask that families support us in these matters to keep all of children, staff and families safe.

School Trips

As we are planning for all classes to be going on several trips this term, it is critical that all pupils have returned their KIC forms. These are the general permission forms required to take pupils off the school grounds and **no children will be able to leave school without them**. Verbal permission is not possible without a completed KIC form.

We will send a SEEMIS text and a blank form to parents/carers who have not yet returned a completed form. Please ensure you return straight away to ensure your child can attend trips.

Staffing

Whilst staffing pressures are easing slightly, we want to remind families that the staffing in any of our classes may still temporarily change without notice this term.

Scottish Chamber Orchestra

Our partnership with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra has led to an offer for pupils and families of complimentary tickets for upcoming SCO season finale concert Maxim's Firebird on Thursday 12 May 7.30pm, Usher Hall.

If you are interested, please call the school office by Friday 8th April.

Pupil Parliament

Our Pupil Parliament aims to give all our children the opportunity to contribute to school evaluation and improvement. On Thursday 31st March the children were able to share their projects with each other at our sharing event. Hopefully you were able to enjoy looking at the photos on Twitter/school website. Here is a summary of the projects: *P7 looked at Learning & Teaching and identified that we have lots of great places in our local community that we could visit for learning experiences. They considered the different areas of the curriculum & wrote ideas in a handbook for teachers. P6 came up with wonderfully creative ways to celebrate our successes & achievements: 'The Achievement song', 'The Whoop Whoop Song', 'Snap your Success' and 'The Hall of Fame.'* *P5/6 were especially popular last term providing healthy snacks on a Friday. They shared some of their recipes & encouraged others to try them out. P5 focused on celebrating diversity & have created a diversity section in our library. They had other great ideas to learn more about ethnic diversity in our classes. P4 looked at ways to improve our Edible Garden. They have played their part in tidying & learning more about it. They are making a list for the Parent Council with the jobs they think need done to make it a*

better place. P3 shared their information video about discrimination with the school community. They also made posters for our corridors to keep this important issue at the forefront of our minds. P2/3 looked at successes & achievements and focused on lunchtime clubs. They have recruited some adults to help. P2 focused on Health & Well-being. They designed a Brunstane workout to keep us fit and ensured every class had a copy of the exercises. Their kindness star boxes made everyone smile too.

All children will learn more about the projects during our assemblies this term. We are excited to take on board the ideas for improvement that the children have identified.

Anti-Racism Week

During our anti-racism week, every class was given a challenge by our visitors from Show Racism the Red Card. At the end of the week, all our classes contributed to a sharing event ran by our fantastic Equalities group. Exhibits included posters, puzzles, paintings and poems. We were incredibly proud of the contributions from all of our classes and the commitment all our pupils showed to stamping out racism and discrimination of all forms.

Desks

We have some classroom desks to give away to families who might want them. If this would be a help to you, and you are able to collect, please get in touch with the school office after the Easter Holiday. Admin@brunstane.edin.sch.uk

Parent/Carer Language

As we look forward to welcoming parents back into the playground at the start and end of the day, we would like to remind parents and carers that they should refrain from swearing at the school gates and in the school playground. Should this continue, we would reconsider the move to have parents back on school grounds.

Dogs

Whilst we are delighted to be able have parents back on site after so long, we would like to remind all families that dogs are not allowed anywhere on the school grounds. If you plan to come into the school playground, please ensure that your dog stays at home.

School Car Park

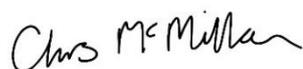
We would like to remind families that the school car park is for staff and blue badge holders only. Please do not use the school car park if you do not hold a blue badge. We ask that all families refrain from using electric scooters anywhere on school grounds.

Holiday Dates

We would like to remind families that the May Holidays are on Monday 2nd of May, Tuesday 3rd of May.

We hope that you all enjoy the long weekend and **we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 4th May.**

Yours sincerely



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