

ABERDEENSHIRE EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES



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Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome back to 2023-2024 school session!

Firstly, we would like to warmly welcome back our returning P2 – P7 pupils and Jaxon, Jayde, Logan, Catriona, Alex, Innes and William who have joined us in P1. It has been lovely to see everyone back after their summer holidays!

A huge thank you to everyone for writing their child's name in clothing and shoes. Please ensure that all children bring indoor gym shoes that stay in school in addition to wellies which are an essential item for muddy wet weather. As the weather is so changeable now, please ensure a jacket is brought to school each day as we are outside unless the weather really is too bad.

We are continuing to ask children to come to school on a Thursday and Friday **wearing their gym clothes** for the entire day. Please remember that this is still a school uniform day and comfortable **dark, plain** bottoms, a **plain** red or white T-shirt and either a school red hoodie or blue school sweatshirt are required.

Communication

Please inform the school before 9:30 am if you know your child will be absent. The office is staffed between 8:30am – 1:00 pm everyday but should no one answer please leave a message or email the school. This should continue for each day of absence.

Please use the school communication systems ie. telephone call, Groupcall, xpressions or email the school for queries or information. Parent's Portal is a portal we use to communicate reports and vital/sensitive information so is it vital that this is signed up for.

School Routines

The main entrance will be open for all pupils at 8:45 am for those wishing to come into school before 9:00 am to have a quiet time to settle independently into the class, read or access/consolidate any tasks they wish to complete.

The daily mile will continue to take place prior to lunch.

Visiting Specialists

Violin lessons with Mrs Nicola Tierney and guitar lessons with Mr Ewan Kellock will continue again this session. If your child is in P4-P7 and would like the opportunity to play either of these instruments, then contact the school for the appropriate online form requesting a slot. Mrs Minto will also join us again for whole school Music in Term 4.

Parent Council Meeting

The next Parent Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 5th September at 7:00pm at Keithhall school. It would be lovely to see as many new faces as possible and is a great opportunity to share suggestions for the school moving forward.

School Staff

Head Teacher – Mrs Nicole Scott

Class Teacher – Miss Laura Anderson (P1 – P3)

Class Teacher – Miss Claire Ross-Munro (P4-P7)

Pupil Support Assistant – Mrs Heather McKay

Pupil Support Assistant – Mrs Emma Geddes

Additional Support for Learning – Mrs Valerie Napier

School Administrator – Mrs Julia Wilkie

Catering Assistant – Mrs Sandra Paton

Janitor – Mr Kenny Moir

Learning and Teaching

A letter will be issued outlining the class learning at the beginning of each term. This will allow parents/carers and grandparents the opportunity to engage with their children's learning and offer any skills and knowledge to support and extend the learning in school. This year once again we would like to extend a welcome to anyone that would like to visit and speak to the children at school.

Planned outdoor lessons for P1-3 class will take place on a Wednesday afternoon and P4-P7 will be on Thursday afternoon. Can children please come dressed in school uniform and ensure that long sleeved tops and long trousers that can be tucked into wellingtons are worn. As you are aware forests and grasslands can contain ticks but with the appropriate clothing and precautions, we hope to avoid any situations where ticks can be picked up.

Dates for the Diary

P1 Parent/Carer Curricular Evening

We would like to invite our P1 parents/carers to a curricular evening on **Tuesday 12th September** at 7:00 pm to share information about learning, teaching and assessment at Keithhall school.

Reporting

Parent/Carer appointments will be offered on **Thursday 5th October**. These will take place in school at a convenient time to parents/carers and the class teacher. Further information will follow later in the term.

School Reports will be sent out on **Friday 22nd March**. A further Parent/Carer appointment will be offered on **Wednesday 27th March**.

This session again, we would like to welcome parent/carers into school on three occasions to view and share their child's/children work and classroom activities. These informal occasions will take place on the days and times below.

Wednesday 22nd November at 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Thursday February 29th at 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Wednesday 1st May at 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

We are delighted again to invite everyone to a Macmillan coffee and tea afternoon which will be held on **Friday 29th September** at 2:00 pm to 3:15 pm in aid of Cancer support.

The Christmas Nativity will take place on **Friday 15th December** at 2:00 pm. A further evening performance show casing pupil's learning will take place during Term 4. Further information will follow.

Christmas Parties will take place on **Wednesday 20th December** (P1-P3) and **Thursday 21st December** (P4-P7) in the afternoon.

A Burn's celebration will take place on **Thursday 25th January** at 2:00 pm.

We are continuing to encourage children to bring in any certificate or achievement they have received or taking part in, so that we may celebrate this as a whole school. Again, the school's closed Facebook page will share learning and achievements throughout the session. This is open for parents and grandparents of children currently at Keithhall school only and we trust that any images or videos are not shared beyond this private page. For any parents/carers wishing to be admitted please find Keithhall School on the Facebook site and request association.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns or queries.

Kind regards
Mrs Nicole Scott
Head Teacher

