



Grampian Primary Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter break. We were very fortunate to have such lovely weather so I hope that, with the easing of lockdown, everyone was able to enjoy the time. With a continued sensible and safe approach, I very much hope that the easing of restrictions will continue as planned.

With one term of the school year left, there is an incredible amount of learning to be done. On the children's return, we spent considerable time assessing where they were with their learning. Lots of this information was shared with parents and carers during the parent:teacher meetings on the last two days of term. We are now working hard to ensure that the children leave this year with all the key knowledge and skills they will require to prepare them for next year.

In the Autumn term, the government launched the National Tutoring Programme as part of their commitment to getting children back on track with their learning after the first lockdown. We have committed to the programme and we have three tutors - Mrs Leigh, Miss Honey and Mrs Richards - working throughout Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

In order to ensure there are no further disruptions to learning, we are hoping for a term of superb attendance across the school. A key part of excellent attendance is ensuring that the children arrive on time each day. We are keen to make sure **every minute counts** so we ask all parents and carers to support us in ensuring the following timings are strictly adhered to:

Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6	Nursery, Reception, Year 3 and Year 4
Arrival: <u>8:45-9:00am</u> Collection: <u>3:00-3:15pm</u>	Arrival: <u>9:00-9:15am</u> Collection: <u>3:15-3:30pm</u>

Please ensure that children do not arrive at school before their arrival time, as staff are not available to supervise them. In addition, we ask that parents of Nursery, Reception, Year 3 & Year 4 children do not enter the school site until 3:15pm as the children will not be ready to leave until this time. The timetable is incredibly busy and it is important their learning is not disrupted by early collections.

Where siblings have different arrival and collection times, the family should arrive together at 9:00am and the children collected at 3:15pm.

In terms of teaching and learning, it is very much business as usual and therefore it is expected that all children are in full school uniform, including wearing school shoes. On a PE day, the children should arrive wearing their PE uniform, which is a plain white t-shirt and a plain tracksuit or shorts. Now that the shops have opened, we ask that items of



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uniform that children have outgrown are replaced. In many circumstances, this uniform will still be suitable for when we return in September.

Other COVID-19 Reminders

Despite the easing of lockdown, there are still lots of safety measures that we must fully adhere to in order to keep bubbles open and to ultimately ensure everyone's safety in school. We continue to follow our risk assessment with children remaining within their well-ventilated bubbles, washing hands regularly and limiting the use of shared resources.

Staff in school continue to take lateral flow tests twice a week. We strongly advise that our families do the same; this will reduce the chance of spreading coronavirus throughout the school environment and prevent bubbles/school having to close. Please see the website, or contact the school office, for details of how parents and carers can get access to free lateral-flow testing.

We have re-erected the marquee at the front of school now that the warmer weather has returned. As we did in the Autumn term, we have started to use this at lunchtime.

Individual and Class Photographs

After thinking we may not be able to offer school photographs this year, we are pleased to confirm that the school photographer will be taking individual photographs on **Monday 26th April**. Class photographs will be taken on **Friday 21st May 2021**.

Key dates

- **Monday 3rd May** – School closed due to May Bank Holiday
- **Friday 28th May** – Last day for pupils
- **31st May – 4th June** – School closed for May half term
- **Monday 7th June** – School opens and pupils return
- **7th – 11th June** – Eco Week (more details to follow)
- **21st – 25th June** – Sports Week (more details to follow)

Safety Notice

We are seeing an increasing number of motorised scooters being brought onto the school site. We recognise that there is a great deal of confusion about where they can and cannot be used. Please can we remind parents and carers of what the law states in relation to the riding of motorised scooters:

It's illegal to use motorised scooters on public roads, on pavements, in cycle lanes and in pedestrian-only areas. The reason for this is that electric scooters are currently classed as 'powered transporters' by the government and fall under the same laws and regulations that apply to all motor vehicles. This makes their use on pavements, in cycle lanes and in pedestrian-only areas illegal straightaway and use on public roads would only be legal if electric scooters could meet the same requirements as motor vehicles (e.g. in terms of insurance, tax, license, registration), which they can't.



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Within the curriculum, we teach the rule of law within British Values and it is important that we remain consistent in our duty to promote these values in all aspects of school life. We kindly ask that motorised scooters are not brought onto school site for this reason.

Grampian Way - Road Closure

Due to resurfacing work, Grampian Way is due to close for three weeks. The work begins on Wednesday 28th April and is due to be completed on Monday 17th May. Grampian Way is closed between the large roundabout, towards Redwood School, and Ballatar Close. Parents and carers who travel by car from that part of Sinfin will have their journey disrupted due to the diversion in place. Wherever possible, we ask parents and carers, to walk to school to ease the congestion in the surrounding areas. Where travelling in a car is necessary, please ensure you leave adequate time for your journey to ensure your child arrives to school on time.

Here's to a happy and healthy summer term for us all!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Murfin

Headteacher