

Insch School

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I note below some important messages for our families as we near the end of the school year.

Pupil Progress Reports

Teachers are currently writing individual pupil reports. Reports will be issued by email, class by class, at some point over the next few weeks. Please ensure you keep an eye on your emails for this important information. The usual parent comment sheet is attached with the report which is to be returned to school. If you prefer a paper copy of pupil reports, please request this in writing to the school office via the school email address: insch.school@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Next years classes

Staffing by the Scottish Government and then the Authority is still to be confirmed. Consequently, we are unable to finalise classes for next session. We are looking at having 13 or 14 classes next year – staffing dependent. Due to our uncertain staffing levels and also Covid-19 restrictions, our usual transition program has been adapted. Arrangements for the P7 to S1 and Nursery to P1 transitions are already underway. For the remainder of the school, teachers will be sharing on Google Classrooms with parents and pupils, a short introductory Meet the Teacher transition video. In it, teachers will introduce themselves and share class and curriculum expectations. It is important that parents take time to view this video with their child. We will let you know when the transition material is available for viewing on Google Classrooms. This is expected to be during the last 2 weeks of term. Extended transitions are being planned as we speak for a few of our Additional Support Needs pupils who find transition times more challenging.

Potted Sports – Thank you Primary 7s

Our thanks to our Primary 7s who have been marvelous this week in organising and running this year's sports day experience. They really have excelled in their DYW skills of organising and showing leadership. The children across the school have commented many times how they have enjoyed their sessions. The winning house will be announced at assembly today.

ALEXANDER STREET – SAFE, CAR FREE ZONE

For pupil safety – pupils are **not** to be dropped off on Alexander Street or Martin Road by car at the start and end of school. This causes congestion. **We all have a part to play in keeping the school area a safe, car free zone.** Exceptions are the school buses and Dreams Day Care.

Covid-19 'Stick with it'

I stress again that Covid-19 virus has not gone away. Some of our teaching staff are still not vaccinated. We must all continue to play our part in following the regulations and mitigations to ensure we keep our school community safe. Please all 'Stick with it' and continue to follow our school Covid-19 mitigations.

Universal Testing Offer

At-home LFD testing for people who do not have symptoms will be made available from 26 April to everyone in Scotland. As the First Minister announced on 20 April, tests will be available for local collection from test sites or by postal delivery. More information is available here: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): getting tested in Scotland - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/topics/health/coronavirus/covid-19/getting-tested-in-scotland)

Insch School Vision: Reach for the Stars

Our Values: Aiming High, Being Safe, Showing Respect, Valuing our Community



News!

CLAN "Light Up the North" trail

Insch School's lighthouse will be homed in the Garioch Heritage Centre in Inverurie and available to see 9th August until the 17th October 2021.

We will keep you posted about other details of the trail!

Dates:

Please note the local holiday on Monday. Monday 7th June
Last day of term 25th June.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs A. Conner
Head Teacher