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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and have had some time to enjoy the holiday. I am very much looking forward to seeing the children's smiling faces back at School on **Tuesday 17th August**.

I did promise that I would write to you with an update before we started the new term. After the FM's announcement, we have a few changes and some things will remain the same for the first 6 weeks or so, until we are advised otherwise.

Schoolbags, Water Bottles and Pencil Cases

I am pleased to say that all the above can safely come back into school and can either be left or taken home, as before. Hooray!

School Uniform

School uniform is always strongly encouraged. It enables a sense of community and belonging to Team Tarves! A reminder that uniform can be purchased directly from our supplier, Schoolwear Made Easy here: [Badged School Uniform - Schools Starting with T - Schoolwear Made Easy](#)

Please select either **Tarves Nursery** or **Tarves Primary** for a range of badged school items. A reminder that our school colours are royal blue, navy, black and white. Pupils may wear clothing and footwear appropriate to the weather conditions, including dark leggings and plain light or dark coloured trainers, where possible. Pupils will also need a pair of indoor shoes.

Revised Timings of the School Day

Our classes this academic year are:

- *Nursery – Michelle, Vikki, Susan and Sonya*
- *Primary 1/2 - Mrs Anderson and Mrs Joyce*
- *Primary 2 – Miss Maturana*
- *Primary 3 – Miss Craft and Mrs Keith*
- *Primary 4 – Miss McLean*
- *Primary 5 – Mrs Pearce*
- *Primary 5/6 – Miss Bruce*
- *Primary 7 – Mrs McLean (formerly Miss Slessler!)*



Nursery – Please follow your session timings set out by Michelle and the Nursery Team, as arranged.

Primary 1 pupils will follow a reduced timetable for the first few weeks to enable transition and settling in. These details have already been sent to P1 parents/carers prior to the holiday.

Morning Drop Off	AM Door	Afternoon Collection	PM Door
ALL Primary 1 Pupils – Flexi timing 8.50-9.00am	Primary 1 Door (near P1 classroom)	Flexi timing 3.10-3.20pm	Primary 1 Door (near P1 classroom)
ALL Primary 2 Pupils – Line up in playground together at 9.00am	Blue doors	ALL primary 2 pupils will be dismissed together at 3.20pm	Blue doors
Primary 3 Line up in playground at 9.00am	Blue doors	3.20pm	Blue doors
Primary 4 Line up in playground at 9.00am	Blue doors	3.20pm	Blue doors
Primary 5 Line up in playground at 9.00am	Main Front Door	3.20pm	Main Front Door
Primary 5/6 Line up in playground at 9.00am	Main Front Door	3.20pm	Main Front Door
Primary 7 Line up in playground at 9.00am	Main Front Door	3.20pm	Main Front Door

Late

A reminder that all pupils who arrive to school late in the morning, or at any time throughout the school day, MUST enter via the main front door and sign in with Mrs Dobby in the Office. Pupils who are leaving for an appointment, or any other reason, must also sign out of school.

Revised Break and Lunch Timings

Home lunches can resume, should parents/carers wish. Please inform us that your child will be a home lunch with plenty of notice, and whether they will be collected or, for our older pupils, are walking home for lunch.

Break

P1/2, P2 and P3: 10.20am-10.40am

P4, P5, P5/6 and P7: 10.40am-11.00am

Lunch

P1/2, P2 and P3: 12.00pm – 1.00pm

P4, P5, P5/6 and P7: 12.30pm – 1.30pm



Face Coverings and Social Distancing

We have been strongly advised to continue to wear face coverings on the school site and inside the building. We have also been told to maintain a 1m distance. The Scottish Government will revise these regulations again after approximately 6 weeks.

We would ask that you follow this guidance in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Please only enter the school grounds and building if absolutely necessary, continue to wear a face covering during pick up and drop off, and maintain a 1m distance while on site. Only hand in forgotten items if crucial (e.g. glasses or lunches) – we have plenty of everything else on site including access to drinking water so no need to drop in a water bottle.

Covid Testing, Handwashing and Ventilation

Staff will continue to Covid test twice weekly, as previously, until advised otherwise. Regular handwashing will continue for staff and pupils, as will ventilation throughout the school. It has been suggested that we will receive a CO2 monitor in the coming weeks to help us monitor adequate ventilation moving into the colder months.

Outdoor Learning

We will continue to use our amazing Outdoor Classroom and space as much as possible as the children have really enjoyed the opportunities and experiences. I am thrilled to say that further information will follow for each class regarding days and times for Outdoor Learning and Forest School sessions. The letter will include details of suitable clothing, but we are advising waterproofs and wellies as we will be out in all weather conditions, should you wish to organise or purchase these now. We will have limited sizes available to borrow from school, but are hoping to build up a stock. If any of your children have outgrown wellies/waterproofs and would like to donate, please let us know. For anyone with donations for Outdoor Learning as per the Newsletter at the end of last term, can these please be left in the main foyer on **Wednesday 18th August** between **9am – 12pm**. Alternatively, please contact Miss McBeath with any queries or questions on the above at jackie.mcbeath@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

Congestion

We all know how busy the main road can be, particularly in the morning and at home time. A swift drop off and collection has worked well in order to reduce the traffic on the main road, which has been safer for everyone. If you can walk to collect your son/daughter, arrange to meet your child in the park/at a meeting point or, for our older children, to walk home, this all helps ease congestion and gatherings.

Again, please do not linger on the school site. A final reminder not to gather in the staff car park, too, as this is not safe. Thank you! 😊

I hope you enjoy the rest of your break and any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on the details above.

Kind regards,



Lara Conn, Head Teacher

