



Fernielea Features

Fernielea@aberdeencity.gov.uk

@FernieleaSchool

Fernielea School

01224 318533

Head Teacher: Mrs Lisa Walker



And we are back at last....!

We are absolutely delighted to have all of our pupils back in the school building. With many obstacles put in the way – COVID & flooding – we made it back. The children are clearly excited to back but they are absolutely exhausted after a busy week!

We would like to thank you for your support and patience in waiting for the building to open safely. There was a lot of damage from the flood due to contamination but the clean up process was amazing and so well organised. Hopefully the weather will be kinder to us now – especially with our renewed emphasis on outdoor learning now.

All information about how the school is operating now can be found on our school website under the COVID tab.

<https://fernielea.aberdeen.sch.uk/covid-information/>

Staffing

We said farewell to Dr Wilson who taught P3 last year as she took up a new post in Kent, England. The children created a lovely video to say goodbye which she was absolutely delighted with.

We have welcomed Miss Waddell to the staff this year. Miss Waddell will teach P1W.

We also have Mrs Webster, PE specialist with us full time for the moment as staff are unable to work between 2 schools. We are making as much use of her as possible so the children have lots of outdoors PE Sessions over the course of a fortnight. Some are longer (2 hour) slots and some are shorter just to allow for all classes to get some time with the specialist.

School Lunches

Normal school lunches begin again on Monday 24th August. The menu can be found on our website. ACC is participating in Eat Out to Help Out and discount will be applied to your child's meal on purchase.

Remember to top up your child's lunch card £2.20 per meal.

P1-3 meals are free. P4-7 children pay for meals using the cashless card system. You can top up online via Aberdeen City Council website. P4 parents can get their child's card number which is required for topping up, by calling the school after 9.30am.

<https://online.aberdeencity.gov.uk/Services/ AccordPayment/PrimaryMealPayment.aspx>

To apply for free school meals (P4-7) complete the online application at the link below

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/school-life/apply-free-school-meals>



Information for Parents

There has been a lot of information shared with you in the lead up to the building reopening. I appreciate it has been confusing at times as information and guidance has been a rapidly changing picture for schools over the summer.

All information for parents is held on the school website (link above) on the COVID Information tab.

Main points are:

- **Children are assigned separate entrances** to reduce the number of people in and around the school.
- **No parents/carers are permitted in the school grounds** – the only exception is P1 and Nursery parents.
- **Park safely** so no child is harmed and be considerate to our neighbours. Some very unsafe parking has been visible this week. It is not acceptable and the City Wardens have been informed of cars parked unsafely. Walk to collect your child whenever possible.
- **The school car park is closed** to all except staff.
- **Children who are unwell cannot attend school.** If your child is absent from school you MUST inform us as soon as possible that they are not attending and the reason why.
- **All children returning from a country** which is on the list of countries that require quarantine upon return must ensure that they complete the full quarantine and inform the school.
- **All children to bring their own water bottle** to school. ONLY water should be in their bottle. The bottle should be labelled to ensure no one else drinks from it. Refills of water will be done in school.
- **When you take your child to school** do not arrive early, keep the gates clear, maintain 2 m distancing from staff and other adults. When your child enters the school grounds please leave as this is the only way to reduce any crowding around the school.
- **When you collect your child** – do not arrive early maintain your 2m distancing, leave as soon as you have collected your child.
- **Do not crowd around the gate** and do not take dogs close to the gates, even if your dog is friendly, as some children are frightened of dogs and wary about going out the gate past them.

Toys from home cannot be taken into school at all. This is to ensure there is not transfer from home to school or vice versa.

If your child forgets to take something to school you won't be able to take it in for them - it's okay - they will be fine.

If you need to tell someone in the morning about an appointment, please contact the office to let them know rather than catching the teacher at the gate. This way the teacher can get into the building to support the children as they get ready for learning and the information can be passed on by the office.

Children are to wear Outdoor PE kits to school on PE days.

Remember a change of shoes in case their feet get wet!

P1D	Every Friday Week B (next week) Tuesday
P1W	Thursday every week
P2	Wed & Friday every week
P2/3	Tuesday & Friday every week
P3	Tuesday & Wednesday every week
P4	Thursdays every week
P4/5	Tuesday every week
P5	Week A Thurs & Fri Week B Wed & Fri
P6	Thursdays every week
P6/7	Mon & Fri every week
P7	Tuesday every week

Please check the weather forecast before coming to school. It may start sunny but it may then rain. We will be outside in all weathers if it is safe to do so. Dress your child appropriately.

Feedback From the Children After Their First Week

I have played with everyone in my class - because we are in our own class zone. It's ace

It's just the same as before but a bit different

I miss football but we are playing lots more games like Chaos Tig! That was Mr Galbraith's game

Do you know what? I just love being here!

I was scared but I'm not now. It's great being at school again.

Everyone is so good with the rules. My class is the best at walking smartly.

HAPPY SAFE ACHIEVING



COVID-19 KNOW THE SYMPTOMS – KEEP THE COMMUNITY SAFE

It is very important that pupils do not attend school if:

- **They are displaying any of the symptoms of COVID-19**
 - **High temperature**
 - **A new continuous cough**
 - **A change in sense of smell or taste.**
- A member of the household has tested positive or is displaying symptoms – the pupil should self-isolate for 14 days.
- They have been contacted as part of the Test and Protect programme
- If the pupil is returning from a country on the list of countries from which we are required to quarantine for 14 days
- If a GP or medical professional advises they do not attend school

If pupils have symptoms for COVID-19 they should not come into school and should organise a test. Parents should inform the school of this by phoning 01224 318533.