



Pitmedden School News!

March 2021

Vision & Values

Our **Vision** at Pitmedden is to provide the **highest quality** education that ensures our Pitmedden family **'Work together to do our best.'**

Our overarching values to achieve our vision are that every child is:

Included

Respected

Healthy

Responsible

Honest

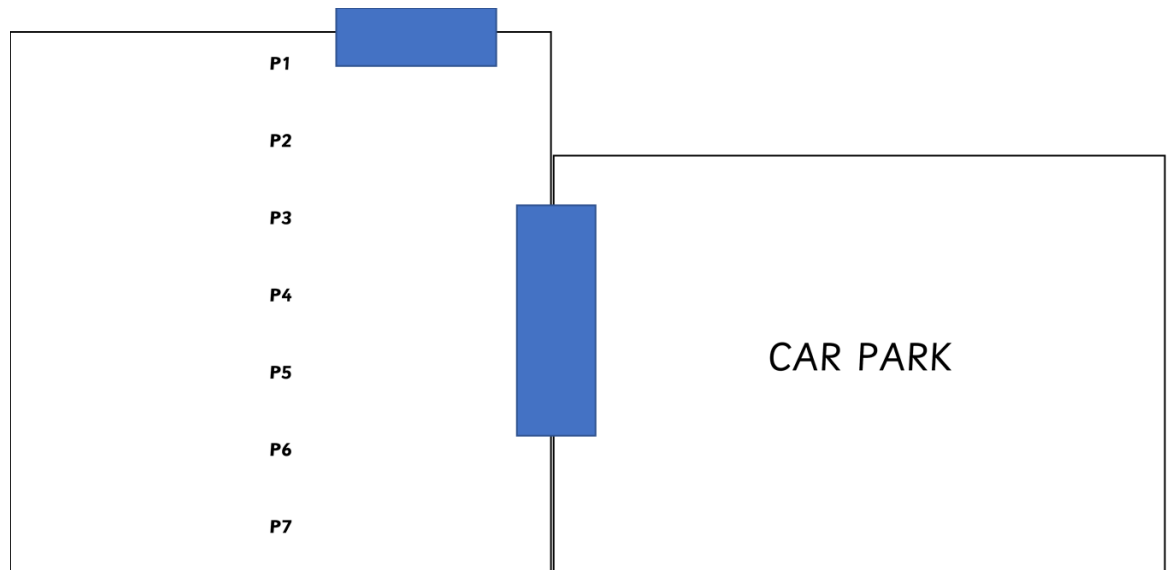
It has been a brilliant few weeks having our Nursery to P3 children return to Pitmedden. We have thoroughly enjoyed the working hustle and bustle of children in the school. I have been given a warm welcome by the children and it is lovely seeing them all positively engaging with their learning. I am now very much looking forward to welcoming back our P4-7 children.

As in my previous newsletter, I am extremely grateful for the hard work and dedication of our families, pupils and staff during this remote learning period. It has been incredibly challenging and I know that everyone is looking forward to our full school return.

Full Return – We are delighted with the Scottish Government's announcement that children from Primary 4 -7 will return to school on Monday 15th March. Detailed below is information about this return.

Start of the school day – I want to thank our parents/carers for continuing to not enter the playground and following social distancing guidelines whilst dropping their children off, it is very much appreciated.

We are changing the way our classes line up in the morning. This will ensure children do not cross bubbles and that I can see them all in one location. Noted below is the set up we are going for. There will be cones on display from Monday 15th to help the children with this change. P1 can now (from the 15th) make their way into the playground as they arrive for school rather than waiting until their teacher(s) arrive after the bell.



Break & Lunch – We will continue to have specific areas for each class during break/lunch times as well as staggered dining hall times. This has worked incredibly well with our P1-3 return and I thank the PSAs for their continued flexibility and feedback to ensure breaks and lunches run as smoothly as possible.

End of day – Noted below are the times classes will be finishing. This will allow the space and time for class teachers, of the younger years, to ensure their pupils are with parents /carers. We continue to kindly ask that you do not enter the playground at the end of the day.

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| P1 - 3.00pm |
| P2 - 3.05pm |
| P3 - 3.10pm |
| P4-7- 3.15pm |

A few handy reminders for children when they return –

- ✘ Children should come to school with warm outdoor clothing. We want to ensure the children can engage in the outdoor environment as much as possible. A change of clothing may be appropriate, this would be kept in school
- ✘ Each day, children should come to school in a clean set of clothing
- ✘ On your child's PE day (to be confirmed by your class teacher/s), clothing that is suitable for PE may be worn instead of school uniform
- ✘ No toys/personal items should be brought in from home
- ✘ Children may bring a pencil case, but it will have to remain at school.
- ✘ All water bottles should be clearly labelled (with water only please)
- ✘ You may provide specific hand wash or sanitiser if your child prefers/needs to use it. Please label it clearly with your child's name. Hand moisturiser may be provided also.
- ✘ Please label your child's clothing clearly, this makes lost items easier to return
- ✘ Snacks must be nut free



Telephone numbers – Often when myself or staff are calling parents/carers, we do this through skype calls. This will often mean it will come up on your phone with an 01467 number. I wanted to make parents/carers aware as I know that some have been unsure whether to answer the call or not.

Twitter – As a school we now have a twitter page, you can follow us by searching for @PitmeddenSchool. We hope to use this to share some of the amazing things going on in our nursery and school.



As always, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the school if you have questions.