



January 2020

CULTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parents' Bulletin

Applying for a Primary One School Place

You need to apply for a school place online. There is just one form to use which will let you apply for any school, year group or term. You need to complete this whether you're applying to start school for the first time or to move between schools.

You will need to set up an online account at <https://www.aberdeency.gov.uk/log-or-register-online-services> so that you can track your application. If you need support completing an application using our online form, you can [visit your local library](#) where staff will be able to help you.

You should only submit one application for each child. If you are applying for more than one school, this should be done on the same application form. You should wait until we have finished considering any current applications from you before submitting any more.

You will need to provide us with evidence of where you live, your child's birth certificate and any other information specific to your case. These should be uploaded to the form when you apply. We will accept photographs of documents as long as we can see the whole document clearly.



Scots/ Doric Verse

All P4 - 7 children will take part in our annual Scots/ Doric Verse Event. The challenge for pupils will be posted on each Google Classroom.



Thank you for your generosity

we raised an amazing £1762.79 from the collection at our Christmas Performances which has been donated to Charlie House.

.... we also raised £529.18 on Christmas Jumper Day which goes to Save the Children.

P1 - P7 Learning Journeys will be given home on Friday 7 February .(Please return the Learning Journey to school on Monday 10th.) Parents/carers are encouraged to sign and comment on their child's achievements and to include information /photos of achievements out of school.



Reminder!



Again, may we remind parents/ carers that there is no access to the school building before 9.00am as we are unable to supervise pupils before this time. In very severe weather, pupils will be allowed into the GP areas at 8.50am. Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather conditions.

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

In the event of the school being forced to close due to adverse weather conditions, the following procedures should be followed:

- Parents should phone the school information line - 0870 054 1999 with the pin number 011280 and follow instructions
- or
- Look on the website <http://www.aberdeency.gov.uk/closure>
- or
- Listen to Northsound 1 on FM 96.9 or BBC Radio Scotland as they will be broadcasting current weather bulletins for schools
- &
- Look for a Groupcall text message sent from the school



If, during the course of a school day the weather conditions deteriorate badly, parents may pick up their child from the school office.

PTA - Dates for your Diary

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| PTA Meeting | Thursday 16 January, 7pm in the Staff Room (Date changed) |
| P4-7 Disco | Thursday 6 February, P4/5 6 - 7:15pm, P6/7 7:30 - 8:45pm |
| PTA Summer Fair Meeting | Tuesday 3 March at 7pm |
| Summer Fair | Saturday 6 June, 11am - 2pm |

Dates for your 2020 calendar

- 17 February - Mid-term Holiday
- 18 & 19 February INSET Days (Staff only in school)
- 2 April - Open Day (more information to follow)
- 3 April - Term ends at 3.15pm
- 21 April - Term begins
- 7 May - INSET Day (Staff only in school)
- 8 May - Holiday
- 13 & 14 May - Parent Interviews N - P7 4 - 6.30pm
- 3 July - Term ends at 3.15pm



Information from our Lost Property Parent Volunteers

Dear Parent/Carer,

Lost property is an ongoing issue at our school. Many hundreds of items of lost property are unclaimed each year.

Since August 2019 more than 150 unnamed school jumpers and cardigans have found their way to lost property

After parents evenings in November more than 40 jackets were sent to charity

We are concerned about the environmental impact and the message this sends. We have been reviewing our lost property system and believe that, as a school, we can reverse this trend. For our part we are committed to returning lost property items to their owners, but this relies on items being **clearly named**.

We strongly recommend using clear name labels like STIKINS (<https://www.stikins.co.uk>) and checking regularly to ensure that the name is still visible. Clothing named with pen or marker often washes off or is illegible after a few washes. (see examples below)

Please use first **and** last name. Our school has over 550 pupils and so there are often children with the same name.



Unnamed lost property will continue to be kept in the GP areas. Children can access these areas if they are looking for a missing item. Unclaimed lost property will be displayed periodically for parents before being passed on to charities.

However, the only way we can make a real change is if we all clearly name school clothing and other items that our children bring to school.

New Year – New start! Please help us to do our bit for the planet.