

Baltasound Junior High School

Newsletter - January 2022

A Peerie School Big Dreams Newsletter for EVERYONE!



SCHOOL UPDATE

Happy New Year! This is the first newsletter of 2022 and we are starting to see the shoots of recovery (locally and nationally) starting to appear. At the end of last year there was lots of uncertainty around COVID and the Omicron variant although as we learn more, it looks like areas are beginning to open up again. COVID guidance has changed (see below) and this should reduce the amount of time pupils and staff have to spend out of school.

Hopefully, as the school year progresses, we will be able to have discussions around in-school opportunities for parents and families, and move towards what we would offer during a traditional school year.

Mr P. Thomson (Head Teacher)

LATEST COVID GUIDANCE

During January, the guidance changed quite a bit and parents may be unsure of the latest procedures, so we have summarised the key points below. If you would like more details, the best place to go is the NHS Inform website - <https://www.nhsinform.scot/>

Symptoms

The 3 symptoms remain the same

- A new, continuous cough,
- A high temperature,
- A loss/change in taste/smell.



Lateral Flow Tests (LFT)

These are available for Secondary pupils and staff, and we would encourage this group to test twice per week (Sunday/Wednesday). There are test kits in school and available for pupils/families as/when required.

Positive Case

If someone tests positive with a LFT (and has no symptoms), there is no need to book a PCR. The self-isolation can start immediately. If there are symptoms, a PCR should still be booked.

Self Isolation

Self isolation when positive is 10 days, although can be lowered to 7 days on the condition that there are no symptoms and a negative LFT result is obtained on day 6 and day 7. If identified as a close contact (and no symptoms), daily LFT tests (for 7 days) returning negative results allows pupils and staff to return to school (instead of self-isolation) - on the condition that they are fully jabbed (3 doses) or under the age of 18.

TERM DATES

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| LONG WEEKEND: | FRI 25th FEB and MON 28th FEB |
| EASTER HOLIDAYS: | MON 4th APR - MON 18th APR (first day back Tue 19th Apr) |
| SUMMER HOLIDAYS: | MON 4th JUL (last day on Fri 1st July) |
| OCCASIONAL HOLIDAYS: | MON 23rd MAY and FRI 3rd JUN (Queen's Platinum Jubilee) |

BJHS VALUES: READY | RESPECTFUL | SAFE

EARLY YEARS

We all got the opportunity at the end of last term to take part in the Nativity play, on the school stage. It was great fun and we got to sing our hearts out!



PRIMARY

During December, we were really in the Christmas spirit with fabulous food, groovy games, marvellous music and disco dancing!



SECONDARY

Not to be left out, our Secondary 4 pupils organised end of term Christmas activities and games for our Secondary and P7 pupils as well.

This term will see our S4s get ready for exams in May (by sitting prelims in February) and look towards the Anderson High School afterwards.

Transition activities to make sure they are all prepared, ready and eager to make that move will also start this term.

