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Dear Parent/ Carer

I warmly welcome everyone back after what was hopefully a very enjoyable Summer break for all staff, pupils and parents/carers. Newsletters for classes will be issued in due course.

Staffing

As communicated at the end of term we were saddened to see Mr Ewen and Miss Cormack leave us to take on new roles however we are extremely pleased that they are both remaining within our local school area and staff will still be able to work with them at various school improvement sessions.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Schofield to the school this session who will be teaching in P2 alongside Miss Laing.

Playground information

A gentle reminder that our P1-3 pupils should line up in the small playground each morning with P4-7 pupils lining up at either the large playground or south entrance depending on their class. If anyone is unsure where drop off/ pick up is please contact the school office who will support with this.

As you will be aware our collection/drop off areas are exceptionally busy in a morning and at the end of the day and whilst we appreciate that parents/ careers want to ensure their child gets in to the playground safely we would kindly ask that congregation at the gate points are avoided as this can cause additional stress and anxiety to some of our learners who may find coming in challenging. Additionally we have reminded pupils that when they come into the playground they should avoid running back and forth the gated areas to ease congestion for those trying to come in. We would also advise that routinely adult supervision is not in the playground until 8.50am and this is something to be mindful of if children are arriving prior to this time.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club continues to run this session from 8.30am where pupils can access a variety of breakfast options. If you would like your child to attend this please ask for a registration form. Please note that pupils will be asked to remain at the breakfast club until 8.50am to ensure adult supervision at all times.

Car Parking

Please be advised that our car park at the main entrance of the school building is strictly for staff and blue badge disabled permit holders only. This is to ensure the safety of pupils at all times. Moving forward non staff or non blue badge cars entering the carpark will be asked to move unless there is a specific arrangement in place. Cars should park at alternative areas around the school, even when pupils are being collected/ returning from events such as home lunch/ appointments/ afterschool clubs or are late for morning arrival.

Clothing

Whilst we are hopeful that we have nice weather on a regular basis please can you ensure that pupils come to school appropriately dressed for the day ahead, taking into account potential changes in weather. Pupils should always come with a jacket and suitable footwear for being outdoors at break/lunch as we do aim to be outside as much as possible for the pupils to get fresh air and a run around.

Class newsletters will indicate days where it may be appropriate not to be in school uniform, such as for PE. On these days alternative clothing should still be appropriate for undertaking practical and active lessons. We would also kindly ask that for PE pupils avoid wearing football strips where possible and have a change of shoes for indoors.

Please ensure all clothing is labelled with pupils first and last names to allow us to return these as quick as possible should they go walk a bout.

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School/ Staff Contact

The school email address is admin.clunyp@moray-edunet.gov.uk and the telephone number is 01542 831417. Should you wish to contact the school for any reason please use the email or phone number provided only. The lovely ladies at the office will ensure that the information is passed onto the relevant person for supporting. At no point should communications be taking place via any other method, including social media, personal mobiles or own email addresses etc.

Fidgets/ Personal items

We are aware that a number of our learners benefit from using sensory tools to aid concentration and focus during learning and teaching. However we have seen a significant increase in the number of pupils taking personal items to school which are acting as a distraction rather than supporting learning and teaching. Moving into the new session we would ask that all pupils refrain from taking in personal toys, fidgets, teddies or similar items from home unless this has been agreed with staff as part of learner strategies. Where this has not been agreed pupils will be asked to put any items taken in, into their bag or have these removed and returned at the end of the day.

You Said, We Did

As it is a new school session I wanted to take the opportunity to share some of planned school improvements for the coming session. These areas have been agreed in consultation with parents, pupils and staff and throughout the year. I will continue to update on any progress of these areas through the You Said We Did approach.

Priority 1: Review our environments to ensure they are meeting the needs of all learners.

This area will focus on reviewing our spaces in and around the school such as the playground to ensure that we are utilising spaces effectively to enhance pupils experiences during their time at school. We will also be reviewing our school values and developing our understanding of the wellbeing indicators (Safe Healthy Achieving Nurturing Active Respected Responsible and Included).

Priority 2: To continue delivering high quality learning and teaching:

This area will focus on staff engagement with the new Curriculum Framework which is being published in draft this session as well as reviewing the learning and teaching experiences that happen across the school and how these can be further developed to enhance learning and teaching for all.

Priority 3: To continue providing opportunities for leadership across the school:

This area will focus on how, when and how often pupils/ staff are directly involved in making decisions across the school to allow for continual improvement and building on this. Part of this will include staff taking the lead in working groups as well as all pupils having the opportunity to participate in groups which support school developments. In addition we will also be reviewing how the views of parents and wider community are gathered and how learning and school initiatives are shared.

Key Dates

Please see below some key dates for throughout the year. Where appropriate more information will follow as these events draw nearer but hopefully this will allow some pre planning. There will be other events that will creep in that may link with assemblies or awareness weeks but will require little warning for preparation. In addition classes will also have some events specific to their class only which again will be communicated to these groups only.

I would like to wish everyone a successful year ahead and I look forward to meeting with you all in the near future.

Kind regards
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Key Dates

Fri 9 th Oct 2026	Last Day of Term 1
Mon 26 th Oct 2026	Term 2 begins
Mon 9 th and Tues 10 th Nov 2026	Inservice Day (School closed to pupils only)
Fri 13 th Nov 2026	Children In Need
Wed 18 th Nov 2026	Parents Open Evening (informal settling in session)
Fri 4 th Dec 2026	Xmas Lunch
Wed 9 th Dec 2026	Xmas Show
Thur 10 th Dec 2026	Xmas Jumper Day
Fri 18 th Dec 2026	Xmas Parties
Tues 22 nd Dec 2026	Last Day of Term 2
Wed 6 th Jan 2027	Term 3 begins
Thur 11 th Feb 2027	Inservice Day (School closed to pupils only)
Fri 12 th Feb 2027	Occasional Day (School closed to everyone)
Mon 15 th Feb 2027	Occasional Day (School closed to everyone)
Tues 16 th Feb 2027	Occasional Day (School closed to everyone)
Mon 1 st Mar – Fri 5 th Mar 2027	Literacy Week (World Book Day Thur 4 th Mar 2027)
Fri 19 th Mar 2027	Red Nose Day
Thur 25 th Mar 2027	Last Day of Term 3
Mon 12 th Apr 2027	Term 4 begins
Tues 27 th Apr 2027	Parents Afternoon/ Evenings
Wed 28 th Apr 2027	Parents Afternoon/ Evening
Mon 3 rd May 2027	Occasional Day (School closed to everyone)
Wed 9 th Jun 2027	Sports Day attempt 1 (Health Week Mon 7 th – Fri 11 th Jun 2027)
Wed 23 rd Jun 2027	Sports Day attempt 2
Wed 30 th Jun 2027	Leavers Assembly
Fri 2 nd Jun 2027	Last Day of Term

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