

# Shetland Islands Council

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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Dear AHS Parents/Carers

### **Return to Anderson High School, Tuesday 11 – Friday 14 August 2020**

As promised, I am writing to you again to reinforce our arrangements for return to school. I am also responding to queries some of you have kindly passed onto me over the last few days, including questions from a recent meeting with the AHS Parent Council Chair and Vice Chairs.

In this letter you will find:

1. some advice specifically for parents/carers. Please have a read through these points, and
2. the information table for pupils from last week, with some additional advice in *italics*. Please continue to talk about these points with your child.

### **Do we have your correct address, phone number and email?**

Please can you ensure that we have your most up to date address, phone number, and email. For those of you who received this letter by post only, please can you provide your email address to us as soon as possible, to help us better communicate with you.

If there is anything the school can help you with, please contact your Pupil Support Teacher, or me, on 01595 808008.

Yours sincerely

Valerie M L Nicolson  
Head Teacher

<b>Return to Anderson High School Information for Parents/Carers</b>		
1.	<b>Visitors to school</b>	Visits to school should be for essential purposes only. It would be best to speak on the phone first, if possible. If you do have to come into AHS, please bring a face covering and report to the School Office.
2.	<b>Test and Protect</b>	NHS Shetland's scheme for testing is now in place. You can find more information at <a href="https://www.healthyshetland.com/health-topics/news/uk-government-testing-scheme-up-and-running-in-shetland">https://www.healthyshetland.com/health-topics/news/uk-government-testing-scheme-up-and-running-in-shetland</a> .  You can also call your GP/Health Centre or NHS 24 for advice.
3.	<b>Symptoms to look out for</b>	Remember the possible symptoms of COVID-19 are a new, continuous cough, fever, or a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste. Please stay at home and immediately refer to the Test and Protect programme above.
4.	<b>Attendance at school</b>	We all understand that some families will be anxious about the return to school. There is an expectation that all children on our roll attend school now, in August. If you would like to talk about any concerns you have, please contact your Pupil Support Teacher, or Depute Head Teacher for your year group (S1/2 – Mrs Scollay, S3/4 – Mr Robertson, S5/6 – Mr Redman) to talk through how to support attendance at school.

Return to Anderson High School Information for Pupils ( <i>updated, 10.08.2020</i> )		
1.	<b>What should I bring to school?</b>	You should bring the <b>minimum of personal possessions</b> to school. As far as possible, keep your possessions with you. You will need your <b>school bag, interval snack, and a packed lunch</b> if you wish. You should not share your personal possessions with other pupils. You can bring your own hand sanitiser and tissues. <b>Make sure you have your timetable</b> , or a photo of it on your phone.
2.	<b>Do I need to bring a mask/face covering?</b>	We have been advised that face coverings are not required in school settings. However, <b>anyone wishing to wear a mask/face covering in school can do so</b> at any time.
3.	<b>What happens when I arrive in school?</b>	When you arrive in AHS, you will <b>hand sanitise at the front door</b> . You should make your way up to your Period 1 class, <b>not gathering</b> in the centre of the school. As the buses arrive at different times, your entrance to school will be naturally staggered.  <i>On Tuesday, S6 pupils with no timetabled class will meet Mr Redman in the School Hall at 0850.</i>  <i>On Wednesday, S1 pupils will go to the School Hall and then will be collected for their Period 1 class.</i>
4.	<b>Jackets?</b>	If you need to hang up a jacket, you must use the pegs for your year group: <b>S1/2</b> - your pegs are on the ground floor, in lower dining <b>S3/4</b> - your pegs are on the first floor, in upper dining <b>S5</b> - your pegs are on the first floor, at Music Practice rooms <b>S6</b> - your pegs are on the second floor. You may also use the S5 pegs.
5.	<b>Lockers?</b>	If you had a locker last year, you can automatically use this now and keep it for the year. S4-6 pupils will be offered lockers at the start of term. We encourage you to take these. Thereafter, all remaining lockers will be offered to younger year groups, as soon as we can. There will be no charge for lockers this session.
6.	<b>What happens around the school corridors?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keep left</b> at all times. With our wide corridors and stair cases, keeping left will help keep us all safe.</li> <li>• <b>Move clock-wise</b> around the floors.</li> <li>• There are <b>hand sanitiser stations</b> around the school.</li> <li>• There are <b>elbow hooks</b> to help you open some of the corridor doors.</li> </ul>
7.	<b>What happens in class?</b>	You will go to all the classes on your timetable. In each subject, your teacher will explain the health and safety rules for working in that department, and keeping you and your teacher safe.  <i>Practical subjects will have specific advice to share eg Home Economics, Science, CDT.</i>

8.	<b>What happens in PE</b>	<i>You go over to Clickimin as usual. The PE teachers will meet you and explain the rules. Please do not worry about bringing kit or changing during the first week – we will explain how things will work in PE once you are in class.</i>
9.	<b>How is the school cleaned?</b>	Our school is following all of the advice from the government and Shetland Islands Council. This includes <b>more day cleaning around the school</b> . Please help us by using the bins and keeping everything neat and tidy.
10.	<b>What happens at interval time?</b>	<p>We will be staggering the start of morning interval.  <i>You will be released at the following times for interval:</i>  S1: 1020,  S2/3: 1025  S4/5/6: 1030</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please <b>bring your morning snack with you to school</b> - there will be the opportunity to buy a snack but this will be limited.</li> <li>• Please <b>stay with friends in your own year group</b>.</li> <li>• Please <b>go outside</b> if the weather is dry.</li> </ul>
11.	<b>What happens at lunchtime?</b>	<p>We will be extending the stagger at the start of lunchtime.  <i>You will be released at the following times for lunch:</i>  S1: 1215  S2/3: 1220  S4:1225  S5/6: 1230</p> <p><b>You can bring a packed lunch.</b> <i>Do not share your lunch with anyone else.</i></p> <p><b>The school canteen is making pack lunches too.</b>  These will cost <b>£2.60</b> consisting of either a sandwich/sausage roll or pasta salad, 2 side options, fruit and a bottle of water. Please bring the correct change where possible.</p> <p><i>Go to the shortest queue, upper or lower dining – they all sell the same things.</i> Again, please <b>go outside whenever you can</b>. Please stay with friends in your own year group.</p> <p>A limited selection of lunchtime food may be available at the Halls of Residence.</p> <p><i>If your parents/carers permit you to go to a local supermarket at lunchtime, you must have your face mask, be prepared to queue, and be back in school on time for class at 1315.</i></p> <p><i>Our school will have access to the SRT Games Hall during lunchtimes. We will let you know which pupils should use this extra space.</i></p>

12.	<b>Pupil Support appointments during the school day?</b>	Given the required social distancing, <b>you will not be able to go into Room 0.07 to meet with Pupil Support Teachers.</b> There is a desk outside the Pupil Support Room where you can make an appointment to see your Pupil Support Teacher. You should only come out of class to see Pupil Support when you have an appointment.
13.	<b>What happens at the end of the day?</b>	Pupil release from class will be staggered. <i>You will be released at:</i> S1: 1537 S2: 1540 S3/4: 1542 S5/6: 1545 <b>Please do not leave any possessions</b> in the school at the end of each day. Take all your jackets home.
14.	<b>What about my school bus?</b>	SIC school transport is operating its full normal service. If you have any queries contact SIC Transport on 01595 744886.
15.	<b>I don't have good computer access at home. What can I do?</b>	If you do not have access to a computer at home to support your learning, please can you do one of the following: (a) <b>tell a class teacher</b> or your <b>Pupil Support Teacher</b> , and they will pass on this information to help support you, or (b) Parents/carers can <b>email ahs@shetland.gov.uk</b> and our office staff will pass on that information to help you.
16.	<b>I am feeling a bit worried about coming back to school.</b>	Lots of people will be feeling a bit anxious about coming into school. The staff at AHS are working hard to support you. All your subject teachers will be able to give you advice and Pupil Support Teachers will see you every week in PSE lessons and will listen to how things are going. Support for Learning Teachers and Learning Support Workers will be spending time with you if you have additional support needs.
17.	<b>How do I find out about Covid-19 testing?</b>	NHS Shetland has a Testing Scheme in place. Your family can find out more about this at <a href="https://www.healthyshetland.com/health-topics/news/uk-government-testing-scheme-up-and-running-in-shetland">https://www.healthyshetland.com/health-topics/news/uk-government-testing-scheme-up-and-running-in-shetland</a>