

**Sent:** 13 September 2021

**Subject:** AHS Covid-19 update and other news

Dear AHS Parents and Carers

### **Covid-19**

At the moment, the school still has relatively few cases of Covid-19. That said, we all know how quickly things can change. We continue to work hard with all our mitigations, including the wearing of face coverings on school transport and around our building. Please support us by encouraging your child to take lateral flow tests twice per week. The test kits can be picked up from the School Office. As always, if your child has any of the key symptoms, do follow the guidance at <https://www.coronavirus.shetland.nhs.scot/>. If we need to contact you about Covid-19, we will follow the advice of NHS Shetland and SIC Children's Services.

### **Computers at home**

I wrote to you in August asking you to let us know if your child does not have a suitable computer or laptop at home to support their learning. If you feel they need a device, or your connectivity at home is poor, please do let the School Office, or Pupil Support Teachers, know. They will pass your message onto Mr Redman, Depute Head, who is co-ordinating ICT support in our school.

### **School news**

We are trying hard to keep many aspects of school life continuing, within the constraints of managing Covid-19. You can keep up to date with events like the recent S6 Driving Ambition road safety day, and the John Muir expeditions in S2, on our website [www.anderson.shetland.sch.uk](http://www.anderson.shetland.sch.uk) and by following us on Facebook.

### **Parents' Evenings**

At the moment, schools in Shetland must continue to follow the national and local guidance, restricting access to school to essential visitors only. This means that we cannot plan for parents' evenings just now. On our school calendar, we would have held the S1 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 06 October 2021. While we await further Government guidance at the end of September, we will consider how else we can communicate with S1 parents/carers about the first term at secondary school. I will be in touch with families in S1 over the next few weeks.

### **AHS Parent Council AGM**

The school shared information about our Parent Council with you in August. Our next meeting will be held tomorrow night, using the WebEx online platform. If you are interested in joining the parent council, please email [parentcouncil.ahs@gmail.com](mailto:parentcouncil.ahs@gmail.com)

I thank you for your continued support of the school at this time. If you would like speak with a Pupil Support Teacher about your child's progress, please phone the school on 01595 808008.

Best regards

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