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Dear Parent / Carer

School Information for Session 2017-18

The new school session is now well underway with pupils and staff settling back into the routine after the summer break. We look forward to the new school year which I trust will be a positive and successful one for your child. This letter and the accompanying leaflets aim to provide you with some important information about the year ahead.

Following their induction course in June we welcomed our new S1 pupils at the house assemblies on 22 August and we look forward to getting to know them over the year ahead. We are also pleased to welcome the following new teaching staff to the school:

Mrs Phillipson (Faculty Head ASL)
Miss Waby (Business Studies)
Mrs Glendinning (Geography)
Mr Kinnear (Biology)
Mr Mhor (Chemistry)
Mr Webb (English)
Mr Griffin (Maths)

Mrs Lindsay has taken up the post of Faculty Head of Maths and Mrs Crawford has returned temporarily to help us out until we recruit a new Maths teacher. Ms Morrison has also returned to the Maths Faculty following her maternity leave.

Parents' Information Booklet and Calendar for 2017/18

The enclosed leaflet includes various items of important information together with the main School Calendar dates for the session. You will see that there is the usual pattern of in-service days and local holiday dates.

Communication for Parents

My account

Last session Aberdeenshire changed the way that you can receive online alerts about school closures and changes to school transport. Remember to sign up for these notifications through *myaccount* on the Aberdeenshire Council website – if you currently pay for school meals online, you will already be registered.

School Website

The school website is an important means of providing information to keep the school community informed about school news and events. You may be interested to know that the daily bulletin for pupils is available on the website each day. The bulletin contains a variety of announcements and information for pupils. Current and previous editions of the Aboyne

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Academy Newsletter can also be downloaded from the website. The school also has an active twitter site (@aboyneacad) which provides ongoing information about school news.

Positive Behaviour Policy

You will find an updated copy of our Positive Behaviour Policy on the website. We are pleased that the vast majority of our pupils regularly behave well and that they respond to the school's positive behaviour system. I am sure you will agree positive behaviour is one of the keys to successful learning and we believe that working in partnership with parents makes the system effective.

I would be grateful for your support in reminding your son or daughter of the importance of following our Community Code. If you are the parent/carer of a new S1 pupil I trust you will find this information useful.

Homework Policy

The updated homework policy can also be found on our website. It gives some guidance on how you can help your son or daughter with homework. We have also included information about Show My Homework – the electronic homework system which is proving to be a useful tool for pupils as it helps them to manage their workload more effectively.

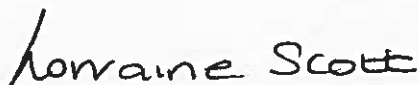
The school website address is www.aboyneacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk

If you would like printed copies of either of the above policies do not hesitate to get in touch.

Finally, should you have any general queries during the session then contact the school office. If you have any specific queries relating to your son or daughter then please contact his or her Guidance teacher who will be pleased to help. We are always keen to work in partnership with you to provide the most effective support for your child. Dates of the Head Teacher drop in sessions have been included in the school calendar for your convenience.

I do hope that your son or daughter has had a good start to the school year and we look forward to meeting you at Parents' Evenings, Parent Council meetings, information evenings and on other occasions during the session.

Yours sincerely



Lorraine Scott
Head Teacher