

Broomhill First School/



# Key Stage 2



## The Seabirds



*Information Booklet*

*Year 4*



## Year 4 Staff

Miss Rowan Tatlock - Year 3 & 4 Teacher

Mrs Lorraine Hall - Teaching Assistant

### Dropping off/Collecting



Seabirds (Year 3 and Year 4) - Drop off between 8.40am and 8.45am in the main playground following the footsteps around to the drop off point. A member of staff will be there to welcome your child. Please make sure your child is in the school yard on time.

3.20pm- Collect from the main yard, children are permitted to leave only when their adult is seen. If anyone else is to collect your child or you are running late please let either the office or their teacher know.

Families with more than one child - Your children should be dropped off and collected at the same time and at the same entrance to make it easier for you. Please use the time slots for your older child and the entrance for your younger child.

Please adhere to our social distancing rules at all times, including remaining 2 metres away from other families and only one adult to accompany your child on school premises.

### Snack

You can purchase a piece of fruit for your child to eat at morning snack time via the school fruit scheme or your child can bring a portion of fruit in with them as a snack if you so wish.

A daily carton of milk for snack time can also be ordered through the School Office.



### Drinks



Your child should bring in a named water bottle daily, but please ensure they are filled with water only.

### Lunches

School meals cost £2.20 per day for Seabirds. However, if your child is eligible for free school meals please apply by contacting the school office or the Free School Meals Team at Northumberland County Council on 01670 623592 or email [childrensservices@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:childrensservices@northumberland.gov.uk). If your application is successful the school receives extra pupil premium funding which is a valuable part of our budget and used to provide additional support for learning. You can apply for free school meals even if your child usually has a packed lunch.

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, **one** or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support

- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

## *Medical matters*

All medicines should be handed over to a member of school staff and a medication form (available from the school office) must be completed.

- Children with asthma will be helped to take their inhaler.
- Any sickness, diarrhoea, must be followed by **48 hours** absence.
- Any absence requires a note or telephone call explaining why.
- Head lice are common! Please check regularly and treat as recommended.

### **Coronavirus Symptoms**

Please do not send your child to school if they, or another member of your household, are showing any symptoms of coronavirus (high temperature and/or new continuous cough and/or a loss, or change to, your normal sense of smell or taste). Please inform the school as soon as possible and also follow the most up-to-date government instructions, particularly with regards to self-isolation and testing. If a child develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus whilst at school we will isolate the child with an appropriate adult. The adult will wear PPE. Parents will be called to collect their child and testing guidelines must be followed, with the school being informed of the test results as soon as possible.

## *P.E.*

Your child will take part in PE lessons on a Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

The children need to come to school wearing their PE uniform.

Children should wear a plain white t-shirt/school white t-shirt with navy, royal blue or black shorts/joggers/leggings and their school jumper/cardigan.

They should also wear trainers which they can fasten themselves.



## *Hair and Jewellery*

Where possible long hair should be tied back during school time and must be tied back for PE lessons. No jewellery other than a watch and/or stud earrings can be worn. If your child wears earrings, please remove them for safety on PE days. If earrings are left in, children must be confident at removing them themselves as school staff are unable to help with this. Please speak to Miss Tatlock if your child's earrings cannot currently be removed.

Any other jewellery worn will be taken in by class teachers and returned directly to parents.

## Library Books

Children can borrow one book per week. Library books will be changed on a Friday, please remind your child to have their library book with them.



## Book bags

All children should bring in a book bag to school **every day** as they will use their bags to store letters, reading books and their reading record diary.



## Homework

### Reading

The most important homework you can do with your child is listening to them read their home reading books. Listening to your child read aloud for 5 minutes every day will greatly help their reading progress. The reading record should be completed with date and pages read after each reading session, your child may like to do this themselves. Please use the comments section to let us know how your child is doing, as appropriate.

### Spellings/Times Tables

Spelling lists and times tables for homework will be sent home on a Friday to be learnt for a test the following Friday. Please support and encourage your child to practise these every day. Encourage your child to look for patterns when learning spellings and tables and also to use the "Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check" method for spellings that we have used in school.

Purple Mash has fun games for learning spellings, tables and practising maths skills. Rockstarz is also popular for practising tables. Your child will be issued with a password for these websites.

Occasionally children will be provided with an optional homework task linked to our topic work.

Please use Class Dojo to send Miss Tatlock a message if you have any questions or would like to discuss more or less homework.

## Reporting to parents

We hold formal parents' meetings in the autumn and spring terms and during the summer term you will receive a written report on your child. However, you are always welcome to discuss your child's progress at any time during the year by contacting Miss Tatlock on Class Dojo. Although our parent meetings are usually held face-to-face, in the autumn term it is likely they will take place via the telephone due to Covid-19 restrictions.

## *Contacting us*

Sadly, but unavoidably at this time, we are unable to operate our 'open door' policy. Parents should not enter the school building unless permission is given by a member of staff. This includes the vestibule area adjacent to the school office so please send items, such as dinner money/breakfast club booking forms, into school with your child. If you do need to drop anything off during the school day or collect your child for an appointment, etc. then please ring the office beforehand and we will make arrangements with you with regards to this. One of your main points of contact with us is therefore by telephone. Please be aware that we only have one telephone line so please leave a message if your call is unanswered and we will get back to you. You can also use email ([admin@broomhill.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@broomhill.northumberland.sch.uk)), Class Dojo and Facebook to get in touch. A member of staff will be welcoming children into school each morning so any brief messages/queries can be shared at this point and you will also be able to speak to teachers at the end of the day in the playground once the rest of their class have been collected.

## *Parental involvement*

Broomhill Friends of the School is a group of parents who help to organise fundraising events and fun activities for the children. If you have any time to spare for the Friends please get involved by contacting Mrs. Newton or any of the Friends Committee members.

## *Year 4 Expectations*

Your child is now entering their final year at first school. During this year we will be preparing your child for transition to Year 5 by encouraging them to become more independent, both as learners and in daily life. They will also be encouraged to take on additional responsibilities within school and set a good example to the younger children.

If you have any questions relating to the information contained in this booklet or if you have any queries during the school year then please get in touch. We all want your child to enjoy themselves at school and learn to the best of their ability during their time in Year 4.

