

End of Term Newsletter

We hope you enjoy reading about the school's latest exploits in our [end of term newsletter](#)

School Uniform 2019-20

Thank you to everyone who responded to our consultation around school uniform for next academic year. The results can be found below:

[SCHOOL UNIFORM CONSULTATION JUNE 2019 FINAL](#)

Thank you to everyone who took the time to write comments too as they were really useful in enabling us to discuss the key issues with our Parent Council, staff and pupils so that final decisions could be made. In light of this please find below revised guidance for school uniform which is applicable from August 2019 onwards. We really appreciate all the support that has been given to the school on this topic and would be grateful if parents can ensure that pupils return to school dressed appropriately in August. Pupils have discussed this with their tutor teacher in the final week of term.

[UNIFORM MACKIE ACADEMY 2019-20](#)

<u>Term</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>2019-20</u>
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Please note that all term dates and parents evenings are now advertised on the front page of our website. Please note that the Scottish Government have moved the May Bank Holiday from Monday, 4th May to Friday, 8th May 2020 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

A holiday school planner for dates until 2025 can be accessed [here](#).

Mackie Academy's 50th Anniversary 2019-20

A reminder that there will be an open day for our 50th anniversary on Friday, 30th August 2019. Thank you to everyone who has donated items of interest from the school's history. We are also aiming to have a whole school photograph done on Monday, 9th September 2019 if the weather is kind to us.

Summer Holidays

As we head into the summer holidays can I please ask that you discuss with our young people the importance of keeping themselves safe at all times. We have received notes of concern on the following from members of the public:

- Young people not behaving in a safe manner beside busy roads, putting both their and others safety at risk.
- Young people congregating in areas of woodland and / or open space where their behaviours are putting their safety and the safety of others at risk.

We want to see our young people all back safely in school in August and to enjoy their summer break.

Parental Engagement: Mackie Academy Parent Council

"For parents, by parents"

Parent Councils play an important role in ensuring that children's education is improved by parents' life experience, individual personal skills and unique knowledge of their own child.

Mackie Academy has always had an active Parent Council who have worked with the school on issues that are important to us and our children. Over the years, the Parent Council has supported the school in practical ways and helped ensure better use of the library facilities for pupils and updates to the fabric of the school including the new windows. We are always looking for new members to ensure that the Parent Council represents all year groups and pupils who live both in and out of Stonehaven. This year, as a number of Parents are finishing their four year term with the Parent Council, we are looking for a number of new members, including a Chair and Vice Chair.

Being the Chair or Vice Chair isn't as scary as it sounds. The Parent Council work as a team and, although the Chair is the main point of contact for the Parents and the School Leadership Team and makes sure the meeting keeps to the agenda, all Parent Council members raise issues and join in the discussion. The Vice Chair stands in for the Chair if they can't make the meeting and may help with any actions from the meetings.

During this school year we've provided input to the school bullying policy and raised school property and transportation issues. We've also had some interesting talks/discussions on the 2018 exam results, how the Duke of Edinburgh scheme has been transitioned to be part of the curriculum, the plastic reduction plan, Developing the Young Workforce and the 50th Birthday Celebrations.

If you are interested in joining the Parent Council please come along to the **AGM on Wednesday 4th September at 7pm** or contact MackiePC@hotmail.com if you cannot make it and interested in getting involved. Being involved doesn't mean you have to give up a lot of your time or even being at every meeting. Meetings are very informal and held every two months for a maximum of 2 hours.

The Parent Council is run by the Parents, for the Parents so please come along and get involved. Click on the link below for more info.

<https://mackie.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/parent-council/>

Thank you for taking the time to read this and we will see all pupils back in school on Wednesday, 21st August 2019.

Louise Moir

Head Teacher