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To: Parents/Carers



Comhairle Aonghais

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Margo Williamson

Dear Parent/Carer

LETTER TO PARENTS/CARERS – 17 MARCH 2020

I appreciate that this is a difficult and uncertain time for you and your family. Please be assured that we remain committed to following national guidance and are working closely with Public Health Scotland, NHS Tayside and neighbouring authorities.

Schools will remain open as per national guidance. For clarity we will only close schools when directed to do so nationally or when a school/stage of education becomes unable to operate due to staffing levels.

- If you have any questions regarding arrangements during the COVID-19 outbreak, please visit [our website](#) in the first instance, leaving our phone lines free for emergencies.
- We will make decisions on temporary closures of any school/stage of education on a case by case basis and will where possible issue this decision by 16:00. This information will be shared via: Group call (SMS and email), Facebook, twitter and Angus Council websites.
- Please ensure that your contact details are up to date. If these have changed since we updated our records at the start of term in August please let the school know. We will need either a telephone number or email address.
- The latest guidance from [NHS Inform](#) is that anyone who has developed a new continuous cough and/or a fever/high temperature in the last 7 days should remain at home for 7 days from the start of symptoms.
- Members of a household (including siblings) where someone has developed symptoms should stay home for 14 days from the day the first person became unwell. Full information is available via [NHS Inform](#).

- If you have a child who already has an underlying health condition, you may decide that you wish to keep your child at home. Please let the school know in the usual way.
- We are seeking assurance from our contracted school transport providers that vehicles are fully cleaned. Public service buses will be cleaned in accordance with agreed operating procedures of the provider.
- Schools will endeavour to provide learning for children during temporary school closure.
- From today all face-to-face parents' evenings and non-essential meetings for children and young people involving parents/carers will be postponed until further notice. Decisions with regard to school clubs are at the discretion of the Head Teacher.
- Out of school care clubs are not run by Angus Council so you should contact the relevant provider in the first instance.
- Angus Council is looking at ways to support children and young people who are in receipt of free school meals in the event of temporary school closures. Further information to follow.

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's school.

Please remember that this is a dynamic situation and information is changing very rapidly. We will continue to update you as soon as new information and guidance becomes available.

Yours sincerely



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