



Parental Information and Update

14th December 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer

As we reach the final week before the winter break, I wanted to share an update with you all on a number of matters below.

This has been a unique and hugely challenging term for our children, families and staff team, so I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their resilience and determination to collectively do the best that we can for our children. Whilst these challenges will continue, I am extremely proud of how our school community has come together in so many ways, to support, encourage and guide one another. In this spirit, our children have continued to learn and develop wonderfully well and it will be this continued unity and focus upon their wellbeing and learning that will take us through into 2021 where, we all hope, horizons will begin to change.

Arrangements for reporting Covid-19 to ERC Education from 3pm Friday 18th December 2020 until Tuesday 5th January 2021:

Over the last few weeks in East Renfrewshire, we have seen the number of positive cases begin to fall within our community. I am pleased that the number of cases across all of our schools has remained relatively low, with fewer children and young people missing out on school as a result. While the number of cases remain low and the measures across our school are helping to keep everyone as safe as possible, unfortunately we might of course see some more positive cases in the weeks ahead. I therefore wanted to update you on the arrangements that have been put in place which should be followed if your child does happen to test positive during the holidays when the school is closed from **Friday 18th December**.

Positive Case where your child's symptoms first developed on or before Sunday 20th December

1. Email COVIDeducation@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk – there is no need to contact the school directly
2. Provide your child's details including the name of the school, their class and their date of birth. This will help make sure your child's details can be found quickly.
3. Explain when the symptoms first began
4. Give details on when the test was undertaken and when you received the positive result
5. Let us know when your child was last in school

Positive Case where your child's symptoms developed on or after Monday 21st December

If your child develops symptoms on or after **Monday 21st December**, there is no need for you to email the Education Department. Instead, you will be contacted by the Test &



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Protect team who will discuss the details with you and ask for the information they need. As your child will not have been in school for more than 48 hours before they developed symptoms, there won't be any need for any in school contacts to be identified.

Please note, it is important to remember the response required will depend on when your child's symptoms first start – not from when they receive a positive test result.

It is important if your child tests positive during the holidays and has to self-isolate beyond the school return date of 5th January that you contact the school directly as you would for any other absence.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the school for further information.

Friday 18th December: Last day timings and organisation:

For our Primary 1 to Primary 7 classes, school will finish at 2.30pm on this day. In order to support social distancing on Academy Road, we will however continue to stagger the timings for classes leaving the school premises as we have been doing, meaning that our Primary 7s will be the last of the children to leave at around 2.50pm.

For our Nursery Class, timings will remain the same as normal however, if your child attends the nursery up to 6pm and you wish to collect them earlier than usual, this is of course fine and we would ask that you inform us in advance where possible.

As is normally the case on the last day of term, our catering team have asked me to confirm that school lunches will only be soup and sandwiches on this day.

Academy Road works

As has already been shared with you by the school office, the Roads Department have informed the school and other community residents that works on widening the pavement area on Academy Road through the use of traffic wands will begin from the 14th December. Consequently, there may be some disruption to the local area.

In addition on this matter, the Parent Council, myself, colleagues from ERC Education and the Roads Department spoke further via a video call on a range of issues regarding Academy Road, the school day and safety during late November. Whilst action points were confirmed, all stakeholders at the meeting did not come to full agreement on how best to move forwards and the Parent Council have been considering their next steps on this matter. The school will continue to communicate and liaise with the Roads Department in any way possible to get the right solutions for our school community.



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Parent and Carer Evaluations:

We continually aim to provide the very best experiences for our children. Given all of the implications of Covid-19 in terms of Health & Safety, many aspects of school have had to be adapted. We are very proud of how both our children and staff team have reacted to the challenges which they have faced, however we are very keen to hear your perspectives in order to further adapt and modify as needed. We have put together a short questionnaire which we would appreciate you spending a few minutes over to complete; thank-you in advance:

[Covid-19 Parental Questionnaire](#)

Our December Seasonal Newsletter:

We have had many seasonal activities and much fun over the last few days in school. Ordinarily, we would have been delighted to invite many of you into school to enjoy these times with us. As this has not been possible, we have been putting together a special December Newsletter which we hope you will enjoy very much. We have aimed to capture a wide range of experiences, including a number of videos, and package them together for all our families, so we very much hope that you enjoy sharing these. A link to the newsletter will be emailed to you all this week.

As always, if you have any specific issues that you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office. Finally, may I wish you all every happiness and joy for the days ahead, and all the very best for 2021.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Lawson', is positioned below the text 'Kind regards,'.

Rob Lawson

Head Teacher