



At Kirkhill we are #PROUD of our school community. Everyone is encouraged to be creative, strive for excellence and be inspired to attain, achieve and be their best.

2nd October 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

Updated Guidance – Covid-19

Thank you for all of your support throughout the past few months. At Kirkhill we continue to keep up to date with guidelines and policy to ensure our Kirkhill community is safe. Please find updated guidance below on self-isolation and reporting possible/positive cases as well as reminders of ways that you can help.

Updated guidance on self-isolation

We have received updated guidance from the NHS about the requirements for household isolation. The most recent guidance has been confirmed that where pupils or staff have been identified as 'close contacts' of a positive case, it **is only the specifically identified individuals that will now have to self-isolate** for the required 14 day period. This is a change from the previous practice where the entire household of somebody identified as a 'close contact' were required to self-isolate.

Reporting a potential or positive case or covid-19 related absence

Please use our school mail address schoolmail@kirkhill.e-renfrew.sch.uk to report any absences related to covid-19 and use the subject '**Coronavirus Absence / Reporting**'. This will enable us to identify these emails quickly.

Physical distancing

While the children are not required to physically distance, Scottish Government guidance states that adults are required to do this. As such can I please ask parents/carers to do this outside the school gates. Please remember the FACTS guidance issued by the Scottish Government:

- wear a face covering
- avoid crowded places
- clean hands and surfaces regularly
- stay 2m away from other people
- self-isolate and book a test if you have COVID-19 symptoms

We know how busy it can be around the school at the beginning and end of the day. If you're finding it difficult to socially distance from other parents at these busy times, you might want to think about using a face covering to help make a safer environment for everyone.

Symptoms of Covid:

- New continuous cough
- Fever/high temperature
- Loss of or change in sense of taste or smell

Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the above symptoms and book a test immediately. Keep up to date through the NHS inform website for the most up to date guidance.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>

Thank you for your continued support

Kind regards

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