

Dear Parent,

My thanks to all of you for your support in getting children back to school as safely as possible. Pupils have shown great resilience in returning to the classroom and have adapted seamlessly, both to learning and to the hygiene routines that are now required of them.

I thought it would be useful to clarify the procedures for reporting pupil absence: In the event that your child develops any of the symptoms of Covid-19 (high temperature, cough, loss of taste or smell), please arrange for your child to be tested and inform the school office by email ([SchoolMail@williamwood.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:SchoolMail@williamwood.e-renfrew.sch.uk)). Pupils should not return to school until the test result has been received. On receipt of a negative test result, please remember to email the school office to advise us of the result before you send your child back to school. We can then report this information to East Renfrewshire Council Education Department and to Environmental Health. Should the test result be positive, please let us know immediately and follow the advice given to you by Health Protection staff.

I would also be grateful if you could remind your child that pupils should not leave the school grounds at breaks or lunchtime (other than by parental request to return home for lunch). Although I have shared this information with pupils, I am not certain that all have fully understood the importance of this additional mitigation measure.

Finally, I have been asked by Police Scotland to remind pupils that, when not in school, they must follow the normal rules that apply in public places. In particular, face coverings must be worn at all times when in shops or on public transport and pupils must ensure a 2m social distance from members of the public when making their way to and from school. As the rules that apply in school are rather different from those that apply outside school, pupils will inevitably forget from time to time, so regular reminders are especially helpful.

Many thanks for your help in this matter.

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