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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to have the whole school community return for a new session. A special warm welcome to our Primary 1 pupils (see photographs on Twitter @BroomhillPSG) and to the new pupils in Primaries 2-7 who have joined us this term. Everyone in school is helping the children settle quickly. Our pupils are doing well following the new distancing and hygiene measures to help keep everyone safe.

This letter provides an update on the following:

- Homework / Seesaw / Reading Books
- Symptoms and Testing
- P7 Residential Trip
- Outdoor Clothing & PE
- School Lets
- School Meals

### Homework / Seesaw / Reading Books

Homework will begin on Monday 31 August. All class teachers will issue weekly home learning tasks through Seesaw. Pupils can use their previous home learning codes and new codes have been given to new pupils. All pupils will be issued with a letter by Monday with the Seesaw login details and their password. Children may need to refresh the page to access their new class by clicking on their name on the left hand side of the screen. For the best experience we recommend you download the Seesaw Class App. If anyone requires help with this please email our depute, Mrs Nicholson, at [knicholson@broomhill-pri.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:knicholson@broomhill-pri.glasgow.sch.uk).

Each pupil has a unique Home Learning Code to access Seesaw. When signing in with their Home Learning Code, pupils only see their own work, activities assigned to them and announcements sent to pupils by teachers. Pupils do not see the work of any other child in the class. Please click on this link for further information about Seesaw. <https://web.seesaw.me/parents>.

Seesaw is GDPR compliant and is widely used in schools in the UK and other countries. **If you do not wish your child/ren to use Seesaw please contact Mrs Nicholson.**

In June, teachers, parents and pupils were asked to complete a questionnaire on their experience of Seesaw and possible next steps. The summaries of these responses are on the website in the Digital Learning section under the Family Learning tab. This is the link to the section

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/qc/broomhillprimaryschoolwebsite/home-learning/digital-learning/>

Teachers will indicate whether tasks should be submitted through Seesaw or by handing work into school.

**Teachers use Seesaw for setting home learning tasks and giving feedback on pupils' work only. Each class has a blog on the website which is used for class information and news. Any parental questions or queries should be emailed to a member of management as usual.**

Please contact our depute, Mrs Nicholson, if you require support/technology to access Seesaw.

**Reading books will be sent home** over the next couple of weeks. Children will have an individual reading book and when returned to school books will be quarantined for 72 hours before further use.

## Symptoms and Testing

(Please see attached letter from the Director of Public Health.)

We have had a few queries about what to do when a member of staff or a pupil exhibits symptoms. The national guidance on how to engage with Test and Protect is the same in schools as it is in other settings. NHS Inform Test and Protect guidance applies in full, and pupils sent home with symptoms must not attend school for 10 days unless they test negative.

The information below from the AHDS union provides further clarity on the guidance:

- If someone has symptoms, they should isolate straight away and arrange to be tested. Everyone who lives in the same household as the symptomatic person should also isolate – siblings of a symptomatic child should also go home and not go to school.
- If the test result is negative, other household members can end isolation and go back to work/school immediately; the symptomatic person can return to work or school if they are well enough and have not had a fever for 48 hours.
- If the test result is positive, the positive case should continue to isolate for 10 days from the date their symptoms started, and household members continue to isolate for 14 days from symptom onset. If any household members develop symptoms, they should arrange to be tested.
- Even if symptoms subside, or if a household member tests negative while isolating with a positive case, everyone must continue to isolate for the time they have been directed to by NHS contact tracers, who will speak to parents and older children (16+) to advise them.

Also:

- If a pupil has developed symptoms the whole class will not be sent home. Only the pupil with symptoms (and any household members) need to be sent home. Decisions about asking other pupils to self-isolate will be taken by public health in the event of a positive test result and not by individual headteachers.
- Pupils can return immediately after a negative test result UNLESS they are experiencing vomiting or diarrhoea – in which case, as normal, they should stay off until 48hrs after those symptoms subside.
- Pupils are not required to stay off with a runny or blocked nose.
- If a child is ill but does not have Covid symptoms then there is no need for a test – the parent/carer should take the same steps they would in normal circumstances. The step by step guide below should be followed where pupils have Covid symptoms. A poster is also attached further below.

Step-by-Step Guide: [https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/advice-and-guidance/2020/07/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-protect-information-leaflet/documents/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-protect-infographic/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-protect-infographic/govscot%3Adocument/00660272\\_SGV%2BTest%2B%2BProtect\\_Door%2BDrop%2BInfographic%2BA4\\_HR\\_74762.pdf](https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/advice-and-guidance/2020/07/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-protect-information-leaflet/documents/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-protect-infographic/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-protect-infographic/govscot%3Adocument/00660272_SGV%2BTest%2B%2BProtect_Door%2BDrop%2BInfographic%2BA4_HR_74762.pdf)

## P7 Residential Trip

- Our Primary 7 residential trip to Ardentenny was booked, pre Covid-19, for Monday 16 - Friday 20 November 2020. However, the latest advice from Scottish Government is that residential trips are not recommended at this time due to the increased risks of transmission from children and adults from different families and households mixing and sharing facilities.
- In addition, we have had confirmation today that the Council insurers will not cover any future Covid-19 related cancellations. It would therefore be very difficult for our school to recoup deposits and payments made for any residential trip.
- Separately, we know that where local outbreaks occur, areas can be shut down at short notice. Should pupils be visiting such an area when that happens, this may result in them having difficulties leaving the residential setting.
- We appreciate that this news will be a great disappointment to many of our P7 children.
- Ardentenny staff will inform us in due course as to whether overnight stays will be allowed some point from January-June 2021 and if the centre has the capacity to reschedule our P7 residential trip before the end of the school session.

## Outdoor Clothing and PE

- Current Government guidance is that all PE should be outdoors where possible. Children are also outdoors for playtimes unless the weather is particularly inclement. Please ensure your child comes to school with suitable outdoor clothing and footwear. Please note our changing rooms are out of use in compliance with council guidance on managing contact and circulation routes. We also cannot have children changing clothes in the toilets. Children can, if they wish, keep a change of socks in a plastic bag in their school bag.

## School Lets

- All school lets are currently cancelled apart from BOSCA. This means our usual calendar of out-of-school-hours clubs will not be going ahead until further notice.

## School Meals

We continually review our procedures to ensure a safe, workable system for all involved.

- At **breakfast club** children are now seated at tables with peers at their own stage to minimise contact indoors among year groups. As children must now remain at their seats we are playing some audio books and cartoons from 8.20-8.45am before children go to the playground at 8.45am.
- At **lunchtime** we have reverted back to children making their menu choice when they are served at the counter, rather than at class registration. P1-3 children have lunch from 11.45am-12.30pm. P4-P5 and P6-P7 will now enter the lunch hall on a rota from 12.30-1.15pm. Next week P6-P7 enter first at 12.30pm. P4-P5 will be called in from the playground for lunch from around 12.45pm.
- The lunch menu is available to view on our website and Twitter page. Children should discuss the menu with their families and decide whether they are having a packed lunch or school dinner.
- Children bringing packed lunches come to the dinner hall with those having a school meal.
- Children in the same class sit together at allocated tables and stages are situated beside each other.

## Website Updates

The following content has been updated on our school website  
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/broomhillprimaryschoolwebsite/>

- **Term Dates** (Our School > School Term Dates section)
- **Staff List** (Our School > Our Staff section)
- **Class Curriculum Newsletters** (will be uploaded to each Class Blog by Monday)
- **Back to School Guide** (Covid-19 section)
- **School Handbook** (Our School > Key Documents section)
- **Immunisation and Screening Programme** (School Policies section)

Our staff greatly appreciate your continued support and engagement during this period of school recovery.

Yours in partnership,

Wendy Cameron  
Headteacher

Karis Nicholson  
Depute Head

Alexander Thom  
Depute Head

# COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS

# STOP

If you or your child has the following symptoms



A New Continuous Cough



A High Temperature



A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If your child has the following symptoms



Diarrhoea



Vomiting

## STAY AT HOME

(self-isolate for 14 days) – do not leave your home or have visitors. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also self-isolate.

**GET A TEST** to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.

DO NOT

ENTER

They must stay at home for 48 hours, after the symptoms have gone.



Clean your hands and help protect us from germs that can make us sick