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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a year! We are so proud of our young people and staff for their resilience and hard work adapting to the many changes and most importantly, looking after each other. We appreciate this year has been extremely challenging for families in many different ways. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your invaluable support and the many kind messages staff have received.

As you will be aware the Scottish Government announced changes to the Covid restrictions in Scotland on Saturday 19 December. This is in response to the identification of a new variant on Covid-19 which can spread more quickly.

This letter provides an update in accordance with local authority and national guidance.

What is changing?

All staff will attend school on **Wednesday 6 January** which is an exceptional closure day for planning.

School will open on **Thursday 7 January** to provide essential childcare for children of key workers and children identified by the school.

For other pupils the Christmas holiday period is extended until **Monday 11 January**, when all children will commence online learning. Schools are envisaged to return on 18 January at the earliest.

What does this mean for children's learning?

Children will learn at-home via their Seesaw login for the week 11-15 January. Class teachers will post daily learning activities for their class. Further guidance specific to each stage will be issued to families on **Thursday 7 January** through Seesaw.

Some teachers may provide feedback on learning activities outwith normal school hours as they also have their children at home.

All class teachers will issue daily home learning tasks through Seesaw. If anyone requires help with Seesaw please email Mrs Nicholson at knicholson@broomhill-pri.glasgow.sch.uk.

School Hub and Key Worker Criteria

Key workers, who are eligible, will be offered a place for their child/ren in our school HUB. This provision is for families where there is no adult working from home and there is no other childcare support from extended family. Where a parent is able to work from home then they should do so and support their child's learning.

Key worker places in the school HUB are limited and will be applied only where families fit the criteria definitions from Scottish Government.

Keyworker criteria:

- Health and Care workers directly supporting COVID response, and associated staff; Health and Care workers supporting life threatening emergency work, as well as critical primary and community care provision; Energy suppliers (small numbers identified as top priority already); staff providing childcare/learning.
- All other Health and Care workers, and wider public sector workers providing emergency/critical welfare services (for example: fire, police, prisons, social workers), as well as those supporting our

Critical National Infrastructure, without whom serious damage to the welfare of the people of Scotland could be caused.

- All workers (private, public or third sector) without whom there could be a significant impact on Scotland (but where the response to COVID-19, or the ability to perform essential tasks to keep the country running, would not be severely compromised).

Once it is known how many eligible children require a HUB place, then we will confirm this with parents/carers on Wednesday 6 January via email.

Additional HUB information

- There will be no breakfast service on Friday 8 January or w/c 11 January.
- Children will be grouped in 'new' bubbles for this period.

We appreciate that the news of remote learning and concerns over childcare will cause uncertainty for the school community. Please be assured that we are committed to do the very best that we can for our children and families.

From all the staff at Broomhill Primary School we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

Kind regards,

Wendy Cameron
Headteacher

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