

# MORTLACH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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## **COVID -19**

We are aware that there was a rumour circulating on Friday around a child being sent home with COVID from school. This was not true. We commented on Friday to ensure parents knew this was false. However, going forward we will not comment further on rumours circulating. Parents will be notified by the school should a situation arise that there are pupils/staff testing positive for COVID. We will be led by Moray Council and the Grampian NHS Health Protection Team on this communication, should it become necessary.

All children who present as unwell will be taken to the isolation area we have set up in school and Pupil Support Assistants will be wearing full PPE. Parents are required to present to the school promptly and asked to ring the school on their mobile when they are in the school grounds. They will then be able to collect their child at the front entrance to the school, as this is the closest exit point to the isolation area. (The Accelerated Reader corridor, the entry point for P3/4, **not** the school office door).

**We have had instances already this term of parents not updating their contact details with the school and emergency numbers not working. Please make sure that you check the contact details you have given us, so that we can contact you. Thank you for your support with this.**

We are following the Test and Protect Procedures issued by the NHS. If your child is showing symptoms of a continuous cough, high temperature or loss or change of smell, your child should self-isolate immediately and you should phone your doctor for further advice. There are many symptoms associated with COVID, so should you be worried you should phone your doctor or access

[www.nhsinform.scot](http://www.nhsinform.scot). If your child needs to be tested, it is your responsibility to inform the school of the result of the test.

If you have any further queries, please get in touch with the school email address or the Parent Council. We are having a virtual meeting soon with the Parent Council, where we will be able to answer any questions/queries about the new procedures. If you would like your query /question to be anonymous then please tell the Parent Council of this fact.

We are not able to have face-to-face meetings at the moment, so please email or phone the school office if you want to speak to Mrs Coupland in the office, or Class Teachers/Head Teachers. We will be able to pass your message on to the relevant person.

## **School Transport**

Please email the school transport team on [ptu.team@moray.gov.uk](mailto:ptu.team@moray.gov.uk) if you have any queries about school transport.

### **Physical Education**

PE in accordance with Scottish Government guidance will be outside as much as possible. You may want to ensure that your child has adequate PE shoes that are not their indoor shoes, if you don't want them to wear their school shoes/trainers for this. Your child should always have a spare pair of socks in their bags for changing into, should this be required.

PE days will be a Tuesday with Mrs Wickert and another day that your class teacher will inform you of. Pupils should come to school in their gym clothes on PE days, bearing in mind they will be outside as much as possible eg jogging trousers, school sweatshirt etc.

### **Eat out to help out available in Moray schools**

The UK Government's Eat Out to Help Out scheme, which gives diners a 50% discount throughout August, is being used in Moray's schools.

Pupils buying and eating lunch in school will receive their 50% off on Monday to Wednesday until 31 August, as per the scheme's terms and conditions.

Pupils will continue to pay via their iPay account and the reduction will be made automatically for them. Cold lunches are currently available and we aim to re-introduce hot lunches during the term when possible.

Full catering information is available in the [parent and carer guide](#).

### **Health and Wellbeing Questionnaire**

We are still waiting for some pupils to send in their health and wellbeing questionnaires, which were issued before the school started. If you have not filled it in yet, please fill it in as soon as you can and return to school. This gives us vital information on how your child is feeling and we can act on that accordingly.

Thank you.

### **Playground access/Social Distancing**

A reminder that Parents of Nursery - Primary 3 pupils can access the school playgrounds first thing in the morning and when picking children up in the afternoon. Please remember to social distance either in the school grounds, or if you are waiting for your older children outside the school grounds. Pupils **do not** have to distance from each other, only from adults.

### **Grass Cutting**

The staff of Mortlach Primary School would like to thank most sincerely the members of the Mortlach School community who came and picked up all the grass left from the grass cutting in the school grounds, before school started last week. It was a very kind gesture and very much appreciated!

### **Sanitiser**

A big thank you to William Grant and Sons, Dufftown for the donation of sanitiser to schools in Moray. As we are using a vast volume weekly it is a very generous gesture and we are very appreciative of this.

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