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Dear Parents/Carers,

The new term has brought with it not only warmer weather and some sunshine, but also a lovely buzz of learning in and around the school again!

As COVID restrictions continue to be eased, from today we move into level 3 and for schools this is still with enhanced mitigations, so for us very little will change with regard to our procedures. As a school community we must continue to adhere to the protective measures that we have in place and I would like to take the opportunity to remind you of these again, as well as some other important messages.

Accessing the School building

- Start and finish times continue to be: 9am – 3pm. Children should arrive on the school grounds as close to the bell as possible, between 8.50-9am.
- In the morning, P1-3 children enter through the gate at the right hand side of the school and the P4-7 children enter through the wooden gate on the left. This will remain the case for the time being.
- At the end of the school day, the ONE WAY SYSTEM will continue to be in operation. When collecting your child/ren, please make your way through the gate on the right (in gate), socially distance on the playground, collect your child, then walk around the building, leaving through either the wooden gate on the left hand side (out gate) or the metal gate near the annex (out gate). If you feel your child is responsible enough to make their own way out safely then you should socially distance at the front of the school and wait there for them to come out. It is important that this ONE WAY SYSTEM is followed, *even by the P1 parents*, who are collecting very close to the 'in' gate.
- I would also like to remind you that only ONE PARENT OR CARER is permitted to drop off/collect their child(ren) and that the government's social distancing guidelines should continue to be observed. You are also required to wear a mask/face covering or have visible an exemption lanyard. A large banner on the grassed area at the front of the school is still on display to remind all parents/carers and visitors of these requirements. For further support, advice and tips with regards to current restrictions and supporting children's safe return to school, please visit: parentclub.scot
- Please also note that there is still no access to the school building for parents/carers at present and requests to speak to the head teacher/class teachers should be made by phone call or email.



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Dogs on the playground

Please note that if you have a dog with you then we cannot permit you to be on the playground through the gates as unfortunately earlier this school session we had dog excrement left on the grass. You are required to wait at the front of the building, with your dog on a lead.

PE kits

No PE kits are required at present. I will keep you updated on this. Children can come to school wearing jogging trousers/leggings and trainers on the days they have PE. Please note that school t-shirts and jumpers/cardigans should still be worn on these days. PE will continue to be delivered outside, so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and NO football tops/kits are to be worn on any day.

Car Parking

There continues to be NO CAR PARKING FACILITY on the school grounds for parents/carers unless a disabled blue badge is evident or if a child is accessing a taxi. I would like to thank those parents/carers who have adhered to this since we returned to school. Unfortunately it has been noted that a small number of parents have started to park in the car park in the afternoons which is extremely disappointing and this practice must stop. These measures are in place for the safety of our whole school community. The carpark will continue to be monitored by school staff to ensure compliance in this matter. Thank you.

Absence from school

If your child is unable to attend school you should contact the school advising us of the reason for absence on each and every day your child is absent from school.

COVID symptoms

Parents/carers should be mindful of COVID symptoms or illnesses. Even if symptoms seem unrelated to COVID it is important to be cautious before sending your child into school. Covid-19 Symptoms and advice as per NHS guidance can be accessed: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Pupil, Parent & Teacher update sessions

Please note that there is the opportunity this week (**Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th April**) for you and your child to join your child's class teacher for a short whole class meeting on Microsoft Teams. This provides an opportunity for the teacher to talk to the class and their parents/carers about what the coming weeks will look like, what the expectations for homework are and what your child is learning. I would strongly recommend that you join the meeting with your child and use this opportunity to ask any questions that you may have of a more general matter (questions pertinent to your child should be asked on a 1-1 basis). If you require any support in accessing the meeting/s, please do not hesitate to contact the school by lunchtime tomorrow and Mrs Picksley will get in touch with you.



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Times for the Teacher Updates are as follows:

Wednesday 28th April	3.30pm	P6
	4pm	P1
	4.30pm	P5
Thursday 29th April	3.30pm	P7
	4pm	P2 & P3
	4.30pm	P4

Homework/Home Learning

You will have noticed that homework/home learning is mainly being delivered through digital means this term. It is vital that your child remains familiar with Teams and how to access their work through this, just in case we head into a lockdown in the future.

All classes are using Teams Assignments to deliver the required tasks and the P1-3 classes may also continue with Thinglink optional activities (at the discretion of the teacher).

Please note that a mobile phone, laptop, ipad, x-box and playstation should all be able to access these assignments. If you are having problems with access then please get in touch with your child's class teacher or the school office to let us know.

Finally, can I remind you that any queries for your child's class teacher should be sent between the hours of Mon-Fri 9am-4pm and the teacher will then get back to you in due course. Queries should not be sent in an evening or at a weekend as it's important that staff also get quality time with their families.

Finally, can I remind you that school is closed next Monday (3rd May) for the May-day holiday and on Thursday 13th May and Friday 14th May for the In-service days.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Gail McIntosh
Head Teacher



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