



## Education, Communities & Organisational Development

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we have moved out of lockdown and in to level 3 with enhanced protective measures I write to you all once again to reiterate the mitigations in place in schools to reduce the risks of the spread of Covid-19 as well as to remind everyone of the need to adhere to the measures in place now within communities.

Unfortunately we have seen an increase in the number of positive lateral flow tests (LFT) over the last week or so which have then resulted in positive polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests. A number of these are related to children and young people which is both unfortunate but also alarming and is having an impact on a number of schools and nurseries at this time.

When a positive test is confirmed, the Head Teacher/Nursery manager and other colleagues are involved in a lengthy risk assessment process with Public Health (PH) colleagues to identify any close contacts. We are assured by PH colleagues that the mitigations in place in our schools are robust and that transmission is community, transport or work place related. In addition, there is increased and enhanced cleaning undertaken across all of our school buildings. As a reminder key expectations are:

- Secondary pupils bring face coverings to school and wear them at all times
- Parents to wear face coverings when dropping children off or picking them up and maintaining physical distancing
- Regular hand sanitising and handwashing
- Young people and staff are undertaking lateral flow tests on a Sunday and Wednesday, preferably around tea-time
- Adherence to physical distancing when staff and secondary pupils are out of school

Out of school/nursery, expectations are:

- Indoor socialising with those outside your household in private homes is still not permitted (this includes sleepovers)
- Six people from up to six households may meet outdoors
- Large gatherings continue to be discouraged unless for life events eg weddings, funerals and receptions which increase to 50

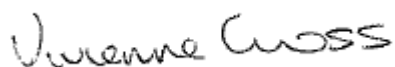
We totally understand that the extended restrictions are difficult particularly when the weather improves, the May day holiday and as we move through term 4 to the summer break, however if we do not all work together and follow the advice,

unfortunately we will see the impact on the day to day running of our schools and nurseries with further disruption to learning. Moray is the second highest local authority in terms of positive cases and unless cases reduce we may not be able to move from level 3 in the middle of May.

We would ask that you please remind and encourage your child(ren) to follow expectations. In addition, if your child(ren) have any of the symptoms of Covid-19 ie high temperature, loss or change to your sense of taste or smell, a new continuous cough or even a runny nose, sore throat, headache or flu like symptoms and feeling unwell, they should remain at home and you should seek medical advice so that Covid-19 can be ruled out or alternatively, any potential spread is reduced.

We all want children to be in school at this time and to be able to continue their learning. Your support and help with this is much appreciated by us all.

Yours sincerely



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