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Dear Parents/Carers

We are now more than half way through the term and I'm delighted that almost all children are attending regularly and wearing school uniform. We are preparing for any further lockdowns but every day we are open is a bonus as children can be in full time education.

Covid

As you are aware we have had an incidence of covid in the school. I appreciate you may be concerned about this but I wanted to assure you that everything is being done to minimise the risk of infection. We were visited by the Health & Safety Executive a couple of weeks ago and the inspector was very happy with everything which we had put in place to protect children and staff. No recommendations were made to us.

Please note that children do not necessarily have the same symptoms as adults. Their symptoms at the start can be to feel sick and/or a headache.

I know that some of you are concerned about cleaning in the school. I can confirm specialised cleaning has taken place. It is very important that we follow the guidance from Public Health and Track and Trace. Please do not ask teachers for information regarding anyone who is absent from school as we are unable to discuss this.

If you have been told by Track and Trace to self-isolate you must do this. If someone has to self-isolate it means they **must not** leave the house.

Parent/carer Conversations

Usually by now we would be arranging parents' conversations for before the October holidays. We are looking at various options - Teams, Vscene etc but ultimately we might have to give each parent a telephone call. As you can imagine this will be a much lengthier process. Hopefully we will get the technology working but please be patient. You will receive further information about this in October.

Survey Monkey

You should have received a Survey Monkey about being back at school. Please take the time to fill this in so we have your views. Thank you.

Absences and Late Arrival

Although almost all the children are attending regularly it is important that I remind everyone about North Ayrshire's drive for improving attendance.

Under the Child Protection Policy, parents or carers must phone the school in the morning if their child is unable to come to school. If you know your child is going to be late into school, please call and let us know so we can check they have arrived safely. North Ayrshire are continuing to focus on attendance and we have to engage with families after two absences within a four week period.

School Dinners

School dinners are running very smoothly. We are managing to maintain our 'bubbles' and cleaning routines to ensure everyone's safety. Please remember that if you are entitled to free school meals you should have arranged this by now. A new menu started on the 21st September. This has been sent out by Xpressions and will be put on Twitter and the school web page.

Internet Safety

A wee reminder that it is important to keep an eye on what your child is accessing on line and more importantly who is contacting them. Please remind them not to chat to strangers and to keep personal details safe.

Health

Children are maintaining good hand hygiene in school to try and combat the spread of colds and germs. We are entering the time of year when we see an increase in coughs and sneezes. Remember if it is a new and persistent cough you should seek advice from NHS.

Remember to check regularly for any unwanted visitors in your child's hair. Head lice can spread very quickly if left untreated. If you need further advice you can contact the school nurse.

The school nurse can give advice and support on a range of health issues if you feel you need it. We have a new nurse, Catriona Moffat for our school or you can speak to Rose the nursing assistant. They can be contacted on 272802.

Please remember that we cannot have nuts in the school as we have a number of children with serious nut allergies. This includes Nutella and peanut butter. Thank you.

October holidays -

The school will be on holiday week commencing 12th October and pupils should return on Tuesday 20th October.

Keep safe,
L Drever