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Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope you and your families are continuing to keep safe and well.

I am sure you will have seen the Scottish Government announcement earlier this week about the return of **all P1 to P3 from Monday 22 February**. **All pupils who are attending school from this date are expected to wear their school uniform.** However, it is unlikely, at this stage, that there will be any further pupils returning to school before 15 March. I will, of course, continue to update you as soon as possible about all next steps.

It is very important that no-one- staff or pupil- attends school if they have any symptoms of coronavirus. (a new continuous cough, a fever, or a change in or loss of taste or smell) **or a member of their household is awaiting a test result.** Household isolation will help to control the spread of the virus to others within our community.

Parents and carers **must** wear a **face covering** at **drop-off** and **pick-up times**. This does not apply to those who are exempt.

Please remember **FACTS:**

- F-** Face coverings
- A-** Avoid crowded places
- C-** Clean your hands regularly
- T-** Two-metre distance
- S-** Self isolate and book a test if you have symptoms



Please be assured that the school will continue to implement a range of procedures to ensure the safety of all of our pupils, staff and their families, including:

- Staff will continue to maintain 2m distancing with each other and reinforce this between them and the children. (children do not need to socially distance with each other.
- Staff will wear face coverings as appropriate, especially when moving around the school building. Staff may wear a face covering in their classrooms.
- Staggered start and finishing times will continue to operate. (P1 8.45am-2.45pm / P2 & P3 collection at 2.50pm). Our message remains '**drop and go**' at the start of the school day and '**collect and go**' at the end of the school day.
- We will continue to operate with our coloured zones in place (**Blue**: P1a, P1b and P2a / **Green**: P2b, P2/3, P3 and P3/4 / **Yellow**: P4, P4/5, P5a and P5b and **Red**: P6, P6/7, P7a and P7b)
- Seating plans will continue in classrooms, at our breakfast service and at lunchtime
- Pupils will continue to wash/sanitise their hands at regular intervals
- The wearing of face coverings on all school transport
- All physical education will continue to take place outdoors
- All children **should not** bring any personal belongings to school

If parents opt out of sending their children back to school, they will be recorded as an 'unauthorised absence' on the system. There will be no additional remote learning offer for pupils in P1-P3 who do not return to school.

Breakfast clubs will remain open. This will continue to only be for children who may be considered vulnerable and for the children of key workers. Our breakfast service starts at 8.15am.

As always, staff will provide general supervision in the playground from 8.45am.

We need your continued support to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of our school community.

Can I respectfully draw your attention to the latest Government guidance about parents congregating near the school gates. Paragraph 54 states:

'Parents should avoid contacts with other parents, children and young people at the school gates, on the way to school and after school in order to try and reduce community spread/outbreaks.'

Please be assured that I am doing everything I can, within the current guidelines and advice, to ensure your child is fully supported on his/her return to school.

As always, if any matter gives you as a parent/carer cause for concern, please do let me, or a member of the staff team know. Thank you in advance for your continued support and co-operation in all school matters. We look forward to seeing all of our P1-P3 pupils next week.

Yours sincerely

Ed Clinton

Head Teacher