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Dear Parents/Carers,

School Update

I am sure you will have heard the Scottish Government's announcement about the return of **all P4 -P7 pupils from Monday 15 March-** unless new evidence or new circumstances come to light. All pupils are expected to wear their full **school uniform** to school.

For parents and carers of Primary 7 pupils- please note the school will be organising leavers' hoodies for the children this session. We will send out more information about this after the Spring break.

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.

A reminder- 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 / P2A, P2B, P3 and P3/4 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 a '**soft start**' for **P2-P7** pupils **until 9.10am**- this is to maximise opportunities for social distancing by adults at the start of the school day.
- All pupils in P4-P7 will be dismissed from the school playground by their teachers at 3pm.
- We will continue to operate with our coloured bubbles 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 to operate 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- class teachers will remind the children of their allocated day(s).
- 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 P4-P7 who do not return to school.

The breakfast club service will **fully restart on Monday 15th March**. Staff supervising at the breakfast club will continue to maintain social distancing. They will also wear gloves and face coverings. Please remember this service starts **at 8.15am**.

School staff will continue to provide general supervision in the playground from 8.45am.

We need your full support and co-operation to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of our school community.

Please 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 previously communicated, information continues to change and evolve at a fast pace, and often on a daily basis. I will, of course, continue to communicate any changes or further updates to you as soon as possible.

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 P4-P7 children back in school next week.

Yours sincerely

Ed Clinton
Head Teacher

Cumbernauld Primary School Holiday Dates 2021

April 2021

Friday 2 April 2021 to Friday 16 April 2021 (inclusive). (Good Friday 2 April 2021 and Easter Monday 5 April 2021) School closes on Thursday 1 April at 2.30pm

May 2021

May Day Holiday: Monday 3 May 2021

In-service day: Thursday 6 May 2021

May weekend holiday: Friday 28 May 2021 and Monday 31 May 2021

June 2021

School closes: Thursday 24 June 2021 at 1pm.

August 2021

In-service day: Thursday 12 August 2021

In-service day: Friday 13 August 2021

Pupils return to school: Monday 16 August 2021

September 2021

September weekend holidays: Friday 24 September 2021 and Monday 27 September 2021

October 2021

October break: Monday 11 to Friday 15 October 2021 (inclusive)

November 2021

In-service day: Monday 15 November 2021

December 2021

Christmas and New Year holidays: Thursday 23 December 2021 to Friday 7 January (Inclusive) Schools close at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 22 December 2021