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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Further Updates**

- You will have been sent a letter from the National Clinical Director, Jason Leitch,
- We are still in a lockdown so please follow all the rules and guidance that have been sent so everyone can be kept safe and keep checking the SG website regularly for any new updates,
- Not all staff will be returning as our P4 to P7 staff will still be working remotely from home and will remain on a rota over the coming weeks, the P4 – P7 staff are doing a survey with the children from next week about their remote learning,
- P4 to P7 children who have been attending school (identified key worker/vulnerable) will continue to do so and they will be dismissed at their normal time 3pm, P4 – P7 children can make their own way to and from school as they have already been doing,
- All resources for the children returning have been renewed and all other resources have been binned (all children will continue to have their own IPAD and their own bag of resources),
- The school and nursery has had numerous deep cleans, we continue to have a cleaner in throughout the day for all the touch points, we have also invested in a STORM machine for cleaning the school & nursery,
- Please do not call the school between the hours of 12 – 1pm as myself, Mrs Russell and Mr Ross will be manning playgrounds or doing lunch duty,
- We are back to the normal menu as of next week (week 2), see link below:

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-meals/meal-menus/primary-school-menu>

- Outdoor learning for P1 – P3 will remain unchanged,
- All staff across the school and nursery now have access to lateral flow testing twice a week and this has been rolled out across all establishments in NLC,
- Miss Grier will cover across P4 to P7 (remote learning) and Mrs Hendry will cover across P1 to P3 when your child's class teacher is on their non-class contact time,
- Changes have been made to playgrounds etc but it won't impact coming in the mornings and being dismissed,
- Guidance has been updated as of yesterday if you are identified as a close contact:



“If you're identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus, we'll now ask you to get tested. The testing will not replace self-isolation but will help reduce transmission from people without symptoms” (Scottish Government Feb 21) – click on the link below for further information”

<https://www.gov.scot/news/close-contacts-to-be-offered-testing/>

- Please if you or your child or anyone in your household has symptoms then DO NOT send them to school/nursery, stay at home and follow all the guidance on what to do, if your child is generally feeling unwell please also don't send them to school/nursery as if they come in unwell we will phone you to come and collect them,

Thanks to our school/nursery community for all your help, support and kind words especially to myself and the staff, they are greatly appreciated, this has been incredibly challenging for us all and will continue to be challenging as we move forward with all the constant and ongoing changes. Along with myself, Mrs Russell, Mr Ross and Mr Cairns we have worked incredibly hard since the announcement was made to get everything organised and ready for our Nursery/P1 – P3 children to return. All other staff have been doing an incredible job at delivering remote learning and I know you will join me in sharing a thanks to them all!

We are excited to see our children on Monday and I'm sure they will be just as excited to be back. To our P4 – P7 children and families, keep doing the amazing job you have been doing throughout all this and hopefully we will all be back in the building together soon. Remember we are here if you need anything at all, so please just ask. P4 – P7 you got this, you are amazing and we are with you every step of the way.

**TO ALL MY CHILDREN YOU ARE:**



Stay safe and well and take care of each other!

*Mrs Reid*

**Head Teacher (Acting)**