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Dear Parent/Carer

AN UPDATE AFTER DAY 1

It was lovely to see all of the children in our Nursery Class and in P1-3 return to school, not to mention the small number of P4-7 children who have been attending since January. The children had a great day and they settled so well. It will take a little time to get them all settled into a routine again.

School is still not normal. The school day has not returned to pre-COVID times and we still have so many protocols in place to keep all of our children and adults safe.

The only way we can move successfully on from this phase to welcome our P4-7 children back, is if the data and numbers stay low. The biggest concern voiced by the Scottish Government was around Parents/Carers in and around the school grounds and the community transmission that this could lead to.

Sincere thanks to the majority of our Parents/Carers, who tried very hard to follow our rules and routines. However, we still have some who did not. I realise that everyone finds the current situation tiresome to say the least, but it is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that everyone does their bit. My requests are simple and are designed for your convenience and, more importantly, everyone's safety...

1. **ONLY ONE ADULT should drop off/collect children.** This has been in place since August and reduces the number of adults significantly.
2. **EVERY ADULT must wear a face covering.** If you drive and leave your vehicle, you should wear a face covering. Do not approach any member of staff if you are not wearing a face covering.
3. **Do not enter school grounds until it is your child's drop off or pick up time** (8:50am/2:50pm or 9:05am/3:05pm). If you arrive early by car, remain in your car until the right time.
4. **Do not hang around within the school grounds.** Please drop/collect and go. If your friend's child has a different drop off/collection time than yours do not wait within the grounds for them.



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5. The current restrictions mean that a maximum of 2 adults can meet outdoors from a maximum of 2 households. This is why **we encourage you not to use drop off/collection times as a period to socialise.**
6. **Stick to the one way system.** We have one gate for entry and one gate for exit. It takes almost no time at all to use the correct gates, regardless of what direction you are walking.

I realise that the above points may sound negative, but they are vital to the success of this current phase. These are the things which put us all on the right track to more normal times and none of us would wish to prolong school closures any longer than is completely necessary.

Throughout this entire period, I and the rest of the staff have always been grateful to have such a supportive school community. We have an amazing group of children and we are supported by a fantastic group of parents/cares who contribute so much to the success of our school.

I appeal to each and every one of you, please continue to do your bit. Stick with the rules, try not to forget them and always be super cautious when you are either on the pavements just outside the school or on school grounds.

Thank you sincerely for playing your part.

With renewed good wishes

Mr K Thomas
Head Teacher