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Dear Parents & Carers,

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As we approach the October Holidays, I am delighted to share that we have had a super first term. The children have settled back into school life fantastically and have really enjoyed being able to play together in the playground and garden each day. I want to say a particular thank you to our senior pupils in Primary Six and Primary Seven who have been excellent buddies to the younger children. They have gone above and beyond in their buddying responsibilities making sure that all our younger children feel safe, happy, and welcome in school. Their patience and kindness are a credit to them and their parents. Well done et merci P6 and P7.

A group of Primary Seven pupils have been working to put together an online version of our pupils' newspaper Discover Dunbarney. The link will be sent home next week.

Covid Update

Some parents/carers have been in touch and have suggested some improvements as to how we update families re Covid cases in school. I thought that it would be helpful to explain the systems in place and proposed modifications.

When we are notified of a positive LF Test or PCR Test information about the person, class etc. is forwarded by email to Perth and Kinross Council and also to Tayside Health Protection Team. The number of cases in schools is monitored by the Health Protection Team and PKC. Any decisions about interventions or next steps sit with the Health Protection Team. Head Teachers are guided by them.

When the first positive covid test or tests are reported in a class, the Headteacher sends a letter to parents/carers of children in that class letting them know that a positive case/s has been identified in the class (The Low Risk Covid Contact letter that some families will have already received). Until now there has been no further communication or families from the school unless further case or cases were still being reported after 7 days when the same letter was sent again.

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Going forward I will continue to send the initial letter should a case be reported. In addition to this, further letters will be sent every 2/3 days should additional cases be reported to us in the same class.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support in keeping our community safe by adhering to the national guidance at drop off and pick up as well as ensuring children are tested promptly if there is a concern and that school are kept in the loop as to results. Can I remind parents to arrive as near as possible to collection times, maintain SD whilst waiting and to leave promptly when they have their children.

Covid Related Absence.

If children are absent from school and well enough to still do work they should access and complete homework via seesaw and follow instructions given by class teachers. In addition to this Education Scotland have produced cross curricular resources that may be of interest and can be access via this link.

[Education Scotland Learning Activities](#)

There are some excellent number games on this site <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/>

October Holiday, Family Fun Day & Halloween

The school is closed for the October Holiday from Friday 8th October at normal finishing time. Children should return to school on Monday 27th October.

A poster was sent home earlier this week with information about A Family Fun Day in Victory Park on Saturday 23rd October

Children can come dressed in Halloween costumes on Friday 29th October. No Halloween face masks please. There will be no charge for this day.

Best wishes for a restful weekend.

Mary Paterson
Headteacher

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