



BARASSIE PRIMARY HEALTH UPDATE MARCH 2020



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Please find attached information which I hope you will find useful as we work together to ensure the wellbeing of all young people, parents, staff and visitors to our school during this challenging time. This is an evolving situation and we will keep you updated. We are encouraging parents to make sensible decisions in relation to the wellbeing of the whole family and the community, following advice from NHS professionals and others. Parents and carers are asked to follow advice from the UK/Scottish Government that as of 16 March anyone developing symptoms consistent with COVID-19, however mild, should stay at home for 7 days from the onset of symptoms as per existing advice. In addition, it is now recommended that anyone living in the same household as a symptomatic person should self-isolate for 14 days.

Infection control	All adults and children entering the building will be asked to use hand gel. We are following NHS advice about regular and thorough handwashing in warm water, catch a cough and sneeze in a tissue and bin it. If you are concerned about any symptoms you or your child may have please look up the advice and information from the NHS on this link. https://www.nhsinform.scot/
Parents and visitors	We are limiting the number of parent/ carer helpers coming in and out of the school. Parent helpers should not attend until further notice with the exception of the Breakfast Club.
Dropping off and collecting from Early Years Centre	We would ask that only one adult enters the EYC to drop off and collect each child.
Learning Together Events	Planned learning together events have been cancelled in the meantime. This includes all primary visits, Family Science, Easter Service and EYC Parent and Child sessions.
After School Activities	As of Tuesday 17 th March, all After School Activities are cancelled.
Outwith school visits	All out of school visits and educational visits have been cancelled at present. This does not include EYC visits to the beach as part of the curriculum.
Music Festival	The Music Festival has been cancelled.
Parent Council Spring Disco	Following consultation with the Parent Council, the Spring Disco has been cancelled.

Where parents are unsure about sending their children who show any symptoms to school, we would ask that you err on the side of caution and make sensible choices.

We are continuing to respond to national and local advice and will of course keep you fully updated through the GroupCall App (school email and Xpressions), Twitter, @Barassie_PS and school website. <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sa/barassiepsandeyc/> . Our teaching staff will prepare learning activities which will be uploaded to the class pages on the website which you can access at home. Mrs Fleming has sent out a separate letter to help us know if there are people who cannot access the internet at home and need a different provision.

Details of how to install the Groupcall Xpressions App can be found [here](#). If you have not shared your email address with us, please do this via Barassie.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk stating your name and your child's details so that we can update our system.

My sincere thanks to you for your support and understanding at this challenging time.

Yours faithfully,

Linda Clarkson
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