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Dear Parents and Carers

Hi everyone! Can't believe it's the end of the week again. Thankfully, our school community is continuing to stay safe, and the number of children (and staff) who have had the cold seems to be decreasing too which is great! We are very much still in the middle of this pandemic as the First Minister outlined yesterday, with changes to restrictions coming into force in Scotland from Monday. In school, we are given briefings at least weekly on changes to guidance and we amend our risk assessment to fit the guidance when required. It is so important that as a school community, we continue to remain vigilant and work together!



Just a reminder to parents and carers – please return your child's flu immunisation forms if you intend your child to receive this. NHS are very much encouraging all families to take up this offer for children, particularly this year. NHS staff will not administer the immunisation without a completed form. FORMS ARE BEING UPLIFTED NEXT WEEK!!!

Can we also urge parents and carers to always let the school know if your child is going to be absent from school. You can call on 01292 612491, email in to

Coylton.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk or send a text using Groupcall. This is particularly important if children are self-isolating as a result of their own COVID test, or because of a family member being tested. We also ask that you share with us the results of any COVID testing as the Scottish Government are carefully monitoring this data.



We have had a concern raised by a member of the community who lives close to the school. They are requesting that parents who park out on the street are considerate as some are parking over private driveways meaning residents are blocked in. We know that it is a difficult school for parking as the car park is not for parents to access either, but we ask that you give some thought to others when parking at drop off and pick up times.



WILL DO: Recently, we asked parents to complete a survey about the return to school. South Ayrshire Council have now issued their own survey regarding the lockdown period and communities. If you are able to, please take a few minutes to complete the survey. Please follow this link for the survey: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/T6LX2TX Also attached to this round-up are two letters from Public Health.



Staff in the EYC are asking you to be patient in terms of Seesaw! It is on the way, we are just waiting for the EYC iPads to be set up to support the system!



LUNCH? After the September holiday weekend, we will be in a position to start offering hot lunch options from the school kitchen. Details of this will be sent out via Groupcall next week. Pupils in P1-3 will be able to access the main hall for lunches, whilst pupils in P4-7 will have lunches delivered to their classes. The EYC children will have their lunches delivered to the playrooms too. Look out for more details on this next week.



We understand that some of our children are at home self-isolating due to COVID testing for family members – they are fit to be at school but can't be. We are working on a way to be able to still support learning at home for these children. Across Scotland, GLOW accounts are being reset, this could be why some are finding accessing Teams difficult. Until we can use this as an effective method of providing home learning, staff in classes will contact families at home with some information on the type of things being covered in class. We also have the home learning grids from the lockdown period still on the school website and these are full of activities that children could work on.



Please ensure that you follow us on Twitter @CoyltonPS and @CoyltonEYC for updates and photos of learning across all classes.



As always, please let us know if you are needing any aspect of school life clarified....no question is too small or too silly!

In case you didn't know, even though the school number is 01292 612491, it is NOT that number that appears if we call you. It will look like an unknown mobile number as it comes through our computer system. We know a number of parents haven't answered as they didn't recognise our number, so best answer to be on the safe side!



In line with National guidance, it is vitally important that families, returning from a holiday overseas, adhere to quarantine rules as countries are being added to the list of those requiring quarantine regularly. This also includes children accessing other family members who may have returned. Please check the Scottish Government website for the up to date list of countries. We all have to play our part in ensuring that we can prevent the spread of the virus.



Visiting school

Our normal open-door policy to parents and visitors will have to be put on hold for the time being. Any parent with a question or query, or who wish to share information should do so either through email or by calling the school office on 01292 612491. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us!



Have a great weekend, and a little reminder that school and EYC will be closed on Friday 18th and Monday 21st September for the holiday weekend. We won't have a round up next week as a result of the holiday.

Stay safe everyone!!!!

Mrs Donnelly