

## People Directorate

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Dear Parents and Carers

Hi everyone! We have reached a new month, and October is already showing a bit of a change in the weather with frosty mornings, and storms forecast! Please remember that as long as the weather is ok, we will be using the outdoor spaces every day, and so can all children in EYC and school come with outdoor jackets and footwear. I do understand that hats, scarves and gloves will soon start to be worn to and from school, so can I just take this chance to remind parents to LABEL EVERYTHING with your child's name please? We will be asking children to keep these items in their school bags within their seating area in classes.



Today, we are sending home paper copies of Staged Intervention for those pupils in school who have any Additional Support Needs. The envelope will contain 2 copies of the paperwork as well as an information sheet. Could we ask that parents retain one copy for their own records, and sign and send back 1 copy to school in the same envelope? We will quarantine all envelopes for 72 hours before filing. As always, please get in touch if you need to talk things over with us.

We are in the process of sorting out parent appointments for next term. Usually, we would invite you into school to have a brief conversation with class teachers about progress. Due to COVID restrictions, we will be offering parents a telephone appointment with class teachers. The date for these appointments will be Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and more information will come out to parents after the October holiday.



Hallowe'en

We have had a very brief chat in school about arrangements for Hallowe'en and intend to firm these up at a staff meeting on the in-service days after the holiday week but for the moment, we are inviting children from EYC to P7 to come to school in costume if they wish. We do ask that costumes don't have lots of accessories like hats/glasses/masks or props as these could potentially be misplaced or lost with someone else picking them up. We will send out full details after the October holiday.



I know that some parents are starting to ask about Christmas arrangements in school. With the current restrictions, we are unsure what activities we will be able to do, and again, we will be discussing this at a staff meeting on the in-service days after the October holiday. We will keep you posted!

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Can we also urge parents and carers to always let the school know if you child is going to be absent from school. You can call on 01292 612491, email in to [Coylton.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto: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.

Can we also remind parents that our kitchen operates a completely cash free system and so please do not send children into school with any cash. All payments should be made via the IPay app, and you can contact our school office if you are experiencing any problems with this system.



We are almost ready to rollout the IT devices to those families who indicated they had an issue at home accessing online learning. This was part of the Scottish Government's return to school plan, and although it seems a long time ago since we asked you for information, we are just now waiting for a delivery date! Next Friday, we will resend all the information you should need to be able to access Teams from home, including tutorials made by school staff.



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

Any Questions?



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 recognize 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.



Next Friday, school will close at 3pm for the holiday week, reopening on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Our EYC will work slightly differently. Those who attend term time, should not attend EYC at all until Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Those who attend 52 weeks, should attend from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. The EYC is closed to all children on 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October, and open to all on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

We will send out the final round up of the term to you next Friday!

Mrs Donnelly