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Dear Parents and Carers



Happy Friday to our families and friends! I sincerely hope that you are all managing to stay safe and well during this continued period of lockdown. On Tuesday, the First Minister gave the announcement that the expectation from Monday 22nd February will be for all children in EYC, P1, P2 and P3 classes to return to school full time. We know that this won't be confirmed for a week or so, but we are busy in school planning for their return regardless. I expect that a letter from South Ayrshire Council will be sent to parents and carers either today or early next week with some additional information, but for now here in Coylton Primary and EYC, we are considering all the information that you as parents will need to know before your child returns to us full time.



The return of pupils from P4-7 has not been discussed with us yet. The expectation will be that from Monday 22nd February, those pupils will continue with remote learning. Teaching staff who support these classes will still be working remotely, whilst staff responsible for P1-3 will return to school. Remote learning for EYC-P3 will stop on Friday 12th February.

Childcare Hub for children of Key Workers and vulnerable learners from P4-7 will continue as usual from Monday 22nd February. Please note, the child care hubs WILL NOT be operating over the February holiday week which is 15th Feb – 19th Feb.



Many thanks to those of you who took the time to complete the South Ayrshire Council survey on remote learning. We got the results late yesterday afternoon for Coylton Primary and EYC. We had 68 responses! We have included a snapshot of the results below. Some parents submitted comments too and we are planning on addressing these on an individual basis in order that we can improve on any aspects of remote learning for P4-7 moving forward.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The balance of learning approaches is about right for my child.	26.5%	60.3%	5.9%	5.9%	1.5%
The range of learning activities is about right for my child.	23.5%	58.8%	13.2%	4.4%	0%
The school offers enough support for my child's learning.	42.6%	45.6%	4.4%	7.4%	0%
I feel there is enough support for my child's emotional well-being.	19.1%	44.1%	25%	8.8%	2.9%
I feel I am able to support most of my child's learning at home.	20.6%	44.1%	11.8%	20.6%	2.9%
My child is engaging well with remote learning.	16.2%	47.1%	14.7%	19.1%	2.9%
My child receives feedback on submitted work.	44.1%	52.9%	0%	1.5%	1.5%
Overall I am happy with the support from my child's school.	42.6%	39.7%	13.2%	4.4%	0%



We are really encouraged by the high levels of engagement across all classes. I know from the survey results that some parents don't feel that their child is engaging to the level they would like! Although there will be differences across classes, a snapshot from this week shows 94% of our P1-7 children had engaged in learning. We are over the moon with this and want to say a massive thank you to all our pupils, and to parents and carers for supporting this at home.



Please remember we are here to help, and to listen. At no time have we ever considered the position you find yourself in at home to be easy. Every family situation is different from all others, and so please do what you can to work with us – we are at the end of a phone or email and will always be able to make things even a little bit better!



We had the most lovely hour with P7 at their Virtual Burns Supper on Monday afternoon. Although not the normal big event, it was lovely to be able to still celebrate with them. We have everything crossed that they will be back in school with us for their final term at primary school.



We have replenished the box of stationery and jotters in Coylton Spar! I am delighted that parents have been using this facility, and my thanks again go to Spar staff

for allowing this.



Enjoy the weekend. With the vaccination programme rolling out across the country, let us take some hope from one of our Nation's hero's, Captain Sir Tom Moore, who sadly passed away this week. He said,

“Tomorrow will be a good day!!”

Lets hope that he is right!

Mrs Donnelly x