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Dear Parents and Carers



This week has been so nice and has given us a glimpse back to what a 'normal ish' school week should be! I am so very proud of our pupils, particularly those in P4-7 who have returned to school ready to adhere to our mitigations, ready to reconnect, and ready to learn! I have no doubt that they will feel tired by the end of today, so a nice weekend will enable them all to recharge.



It is worth noting, that positive cases of Covid are continuing to be reported across areas of South Ayrshire and so it is still vitally important that we all play our part in keeping the transmission rate as low as possible. 2m distance between pupils is not required, but we will be encouraging that they do consider the physical proximity to one another, especially out in the playground where we are actively discouraging games which involve touch.

It is also worth noting that symptoms of Covid can be different in children and so the chart below might help you to decide whether to book a test for your child if they have 1 or more of these symptoms. Booking tests is now much easier and results are coming back much quicker than before. There has also been an increase in Asymptomatic Testing Centres across South Ayrshire for families to access if they wish. Just check SAC website for further information.

BOSTON CHILDREN'S CHECKLIST Match the symptoms with the illness





With the return to school for all children comes the increase in parking around the school. We have been approached by the South Ayrshire Housing Department regarding complaints they have received from local residents who have had their driveways and access to their houses blocked by parked cars. We have also noted a massive increase in the number of cars who are coming into the car park at drop off and pick up times. Whilst we understand that parking around the school is very limited, we must ask that you give consideration to local residents and that you do not access the school car park for drop off and pick up of children either in school or EYC.



If possible, could parents please supply children with 2 water bottles each day – one for the morning and one for the afternoon as the water dispenser is not accessible to pupils at this time. We can supply a drink if a child needs one, but it would be best if they brought enough to last the day.



Following the Easter holidays, we will start homework back up again, using Teams. We will not be asking children to complete homework before the holidays.



Adults in school will always maintain at least 2m social distance between themselves and their colleagues. We will be working with the children to try to ensure there is more distance than we had before between adults and children during work tasks. Children do not need to social distance from other children, but we will be talking to them about the distance between them and the adults they work with at times throughout the school day.



MASK Bringing our P4-7 pupils back has meant additional mitigations were put in place. Last time they were in school, some staff chose to wear a mask when working directly with children. Coming back, the children have seen staff wearing masks much more often. They are used to seeing adults wearing masks now, and so I don't think it will impact their time at school. Staff will make judgment calls on this. There is no need for children to wear masks unless they wanted to. They are of course, welcome to do so.

Our next Parent Council meeting is Wednesday 24th March at 7pm via Zoom. Please contact the Parent Council mailbox if you wish to attend this meeting.
coyltonparentcouncil@yahoo.com



Claire from Active Schools is working outdoors with P4-7 classes from now until Easter. Although school uniform is advised on the return to school, pupils should wear appropriate outdoor clothing on the following days:

P4 Monday
P4/5 Thursday
P5 Tuesday

P6 Monday

P6/7 Thursday

P7 Tuesday

It is worth noting that windows in all areas of school are open throughout the school day to increase ventilation. We would advise that children do wear layers as at times, it can be a little chilly.



Lunches for P1-7 will be following the reduced menu that we have had in place for a few weeks now. The menu for next week is as follows:

Week 3	Sandwich	Soup	Main	Dessert
Monday	Turkey Sandwich		Chicken Curry with boiled rice and peas	Carrot Cake with or without Custard
Tuesday	Cheese Sandwich		Steak Pie with potatoes and turnips	Fresh Fruit Salad
Wednesday	Tuna Sandwich		Quorn Chilli with Boiled rice	Fruit Jelly
Thursday	Chicken Sandwich		Macaroni Cheese with Broccoli	Apple Crumble with or without custard
Friday	Egg Mayo Sandwich		Fish Fingers with beans and potatoes	Frozen Yoghurt

ALL children will have lunch delivered to their classrooms.



Thank you to all families who have taken time to complete the Transition survey. We had over 60 responses to this survey from families across all stages of the school.

The virtual event is Tuesday 23rd March at 6:30 pm and is likely to end around 8pm. The survey is now closed but you are all welcome to attend the virtual event.

This is the first of many events that we will have with Ayr Academy as we feel that it is so important that parents and families know as much about their cluster secondary school as possible. We will have a large number of Ayr Academy staff who will present many aspects of secondary school life, and in particular the success of the children from Cowlton who make the transition to Ayr Academy. We will also hear from current Ayr pupils and previous Ayr pupils, as well as our very own Miss Cowie!

The link for this Zoom Event is:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96572799091?pwd=bEJVbDAzUjRkUHQ3TG5QYjl4UENSUT09>

Meeting ID: 965 7279 9091

Passcode: 6bHn8G

So far, we know of 19 people who will attend, but we would love to see many more of you

on the night! Please come along, even if your child is in the early stages of primary as it is so important that you have as much information as you can about your child's educational journey!



Have a great weekend, and hopefully the nice weather we have had this week will continue in order that families can get out and enjoy some fresh air! We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday!