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Dear Parents and Carers



Hello

Happy Holiday Weekend! I hope that all our families have some downtime planned after the busy start to the school year.

Since the start of the new term, we have had 9 positive Covid cases across the school and EYC. A Warn and Inform letter from Public Health is emailed out to families in a class where a positive case has been confirmed. This letter will not come to the entire school. Children won't be classed as close contacts anymore, but parents are advised on the letter that they should be vigilant for any symptoms developing and book a PCR test for their child.

You will have received a letter from Jason Leitch, National Clinical Director which outlines the national picture. Please take time to read over this letter, and get back to me if you have any questions.

I am grateful to families who are not sending siblings to school if one person within a household is symptomatic.



I am also glad to report that there has been a drop in the number of children who have had the sickness bug that has been in school. I hope that our families are healthy and able to enjoy the long weekend.



Meet and Greet

So far, we have had 6 classes hold Meet and Greet events via Teams and Zoom this week and these have resulted in a total 73 families joining class teachers to find out all about the learning in classes. We look forward to

the remaining classes having meetings next week, although I am sorry to say we will have to postpone P6 until the following week. I will discuss with Miss Cowie and I will let you know of the new date as soon as I can. of. The time for all remaining classes will be 6:30 and dates are as follows:

Tuesday 21st September P2/3 (P6 WILL BE POSTPONED AND A NEW DATE ISSUED LATER)

Wednesday 22nd September P3 and P6/7

Thursday 23rd September EYC and P7

Mrs Mulholland will join classes from P1-3 and their teachers, Ali Watkins will join the EYC classes and I will join p4-7 classes.

For those accessing these meetings on Teams, please log on to your child's Team at 6:30 where a meeting will be set up.

Links to the EYC Zoom meeting will be sent to you via Groupcall in advance. We look forward to seeing you all then.



P7 Leadership

Today, we received application forms from our P7 pupils who are looking to take on additional leadership roles within the school. Staff will take some time now to process these and get back to P7 pupils as soon as possible! Good luck to everyone!



Foodbank

Just giving advance notice, we will once again be looking to support the South Ayrshire Foodbank by holding a collection prior to the October holiday. A letter with all the details you will need will come out soon.



Photographs

I am hoping that this year, we will be in a position to have school photographs taken again. I expect that these will be individual photos and not family or groups. We are looking at options in terms of which photographer we will use and I will keep you posted. I am hoping to have these completed in time for Christmas.



Dot Day

Our school had a lovely 'Dot Day' on Wednesday where we worked on many activities based on the book *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds which focuses on resilience and not giving up! It was lovely to see all the dotty art work and we hope to create a display of resilience in our foyer soon. Look out for pictures on Twitter!



Wishing all our families a great long weekend, keep safe and look out for each other whatever you have planned. We will all be back on Tuesday 21st September

Mrs Donnelly
Head Teacher