

## People Directorate

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **NHS Scotland Test and Protect: Important Information for all Families**

To protect the health and wellbeing of our children, staff and community, **it is essential that children and adults do not attend school if they have symptoms that may be caused by coronavirus, or if they live with someone that has symptoms.**

#### **Coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms include:**

- a new, continuous cough
- high temperature of 37.8 or above
- loss of - or change in - sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Adults/children may experience one or more of the symptoms detailed above.

#### **What do I do if my child or a member of our household has symptoms?**

If your child, or member of your household has symptoms, you must stay at home and book a test. You can do this by searching online for 'NHS Inform Test and Protect' or by visiting:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/campaigns/test-and-protect>

If you don't have access to the internet, please contact the Coronavirus helpline on: **0800 028 2816**

#### **Do I have to contact the school?**

It is important that parents and carers contact the school via telephone (01655 885808) to advise us that a child will be absent from school; this is in-line with our usual attendance procedures and ensures the safety of all children.

All schools must maintain accurate records of children who are absent with coronavirus related symptoms for national monitoring procedures.

#### **What do I do if the coronavirus (Covid-19) test is negative?**

If the test result is negative, children can return to school as long as they feel well enough to do so, and have been fever free without the use of medication for 48 hours. Self-isolation is no longer required. Please inform the school.

#### **What do I do if the coronavirus (Covid-19) test is positive?**

If the test result is positive, your child **should not return to school** and you should follow the advice from the Test and Protect Team. Please inform the school.

#### **What will happen if my child becomes unwell with coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms in school?**

If your child becomes unwell with symptoms that may be caused by coronavirus, we will contact you. We have a safe area for pupils/staff who become symptomatic to wait in until they can be collected or safely get home.

It's very important that we all stay at home and book a test if we have symptoms that may be caused by coronavirus. Household isolation will help to control the spread of the virus to friends, the wider community and the most vulnerable.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school. Thank you in advance for your support. By working together, we can suppress the spread of coronavirus and protect our communities.

Yours sincerely

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