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Dear Parents/Carers

Phase 2 of the Return to In-Person Learning, Monday 15th March to Friday 26th March 2021

Support for Pupils Returning to School

We are looking forward to welcoming back P4-7 pupil on Monday 15th March.

The extended period of remote learning and the phased return to school presents challenges for learners and parental wellbeing. Local authorities and schools have significant support in place to support children and young people's mental health and wellbeing. Education Scotland have provided complementary information on Mental health & wellbeing: supports for practitioners, parents, carers & young people to provide further sources of support. More information can be found by clicking on the link below:

<https://wakelet.com/wake/z4xxOsUqBIsDgpa8DStJB>

Please to get in touch with us at school if your child/ren are feeling at all anxious about returning to school next week.

Please be assured that our approach in school will continue be underpinned by the Nurture Principles which have been adopted across all of Shetland's schools.

Learning Packs

Please return learning packs, resources and work completed by pupils to school on Monday 15th March.

Ventilation in School

To ensure the school building is suitably ventilated we will be keeping some windows and doors open. Please provide your child/ren with layers of clothing in case they feel they would like to add a layer to keep warm.

Hygiene and Safety Measures

A range of measures and mitigations are already in place in school and these are documented on our school risk assessment. A copy of our risk assessment is available on our school blog. <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/ollaberryprimaryschool/covid-19/>

The same handwashing and hand sanitising routines will continue to remain in place. Please feel free to send in soap/sanitiser if your child/ren has sensitive skin. 2m Social distancing will remain in place between adults in school and where possible between adults and children. Adults in school will continue to wear face coverings.

Face coverings continue to be required to be worn on school transport by pupils.

All schools continue to adhere to the following:

- essential visitors to schools settings only
- the one setting per day principle for itinerant and shared school staff (art and gym will therefore take place on alternate weeks)
- pupil travel out of school for essential curriculum activity/purposes only
- the suspension of face-to-face parents' evenings
- PE will take place outdoors

Drop Off and Pick Up At School

Parents/carers should avoid contacts with other parents, children and young people at the school gates, on the way to school, and after school in order to reduce community spread/outbreaks. Face coverings should also be worn by parents/carers at drop off and pick up.

Digital Devices

If your child/ren has been allocated a digital device, please ensure they take this to school each day to support their learning. Devices will be wiped down on arrival and again before pupils go home. Other pupils will not touch devices but siblings can share devices.

Staffing

Following a successful recruitment process for our Learning Support Worker 28hpw post, Mrs Babs Clubb will be returning to Ollaberry Primary School on Monday 15th March.

Finally, please do get in touch with me at school by telephone or email should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's return to in-person learning.

Kind regards

Julia McGinlay

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