

Dear Parents & Carers

As you know we have been trying to use our school app and website to communicate with you in our ECO drive to use less paper. However, at this time, it's also vital to ensure that we reach everyone, so here is our news. Covid continues to dominate the media but responsible learners dominate school life! We are very proud of how our children are coping with the necessary measures and wish to update you about them.

What are our routine safety measures?

- Handwashing with soap and water, 6 times every day.
- Classes are 'bubbles' who don't mix with other 'bubbles' inside the building.
- Teaching & support staff work in only one class per day and are now wearing masks when moving through the building, but not generally for teaching.
- One-way stair systems.
- Staggered break and lunchtimes.
- Minimising the amount of equipment etc. travelling between home and school.

Weather & ventilation of classrooms

I know there have been some concerns about the children being cold in school with windows and doors open. Good ventilation is really necessary to reduce the risk of spreading covid so please send your children to school wearing layers of clothes and always with a jumper or sweatshirt. Please try to stick with school uniform but if your child has a good warm sweatshirt / hoodie in a different colour, that's fine.

With the weather turning wetter and colder, it's also very important that they come with waterproof shoes / boots and a hooded waterproof jacket, as the children need to be outside as much as possible. We are not currently able to have large numbers of children in the hall during wet playtimes. But, I wish to reassure you that if the weather conditions are ever dangerous with ice or high winds, we will keep them safe indoors.

What happens if someone in school tests positive for Covid 19?

If someone in your child's class tests positive, you will have contact from the school by phone to let you know that your child needs to self-isolate because they have been in contact with a positive case. We will also then send you a letter on behalf of Public Health Scotland. Only people who go on to develop symptoms need to have a test.

Depending on the stage of the children and the preference you have told us about, the school will then either supply paper copies of home learning or will use Teams to set work on-line. You can stay in touch with your child's teacher, Ms Laird or Ms Dominy by email or by phoning the school.

If there is a positive case, but not in your child's class, you will get a letter sent by the school on behalf of Public Health Scotland which says that no action needs to be taken by you.

Phone in

If you have any concerns or queries around your child's learning and progress please phone and ask to speak to your child's teacher. Give an indication of your reason for calling. Mrs Connelly or Mrs Reid will then pass this to the class teacher and they will call you back at the end of the day.

If you have any general school queries or concerns, Ms Dominy and I will be available for a phone chat on Fridays between 2.15 and 3.15. If you contact the office and leave your details we will give you a call on the Friday. Depending on the volume of calls we may not be able to respond immediately, however we will work through the requests for contact in the order they come in .

I hope you and your family continue to stay well.

Best wishes

Ms Laird and Glendale Staff