Dear Parents/Carers

Grateful for another week where we have stayed safe and open!  Thank you for all you do to continue to support us with this.

Primary 2 and Primary 3 pupils continue to do a good job of lining up at the back of the school and our Senior pupils at the front. We are aware that our Primary 4 and Primary 5 pupils particularly are not coming straight into the playground when they have been dropped off outside school.  A number are making their way in other directions, climbing trees etc. All great fun I am sure but our preference would be that when pupils are dropped off they come straight into the playground to line up.  We have noted some children getting hurt throwing themselves down the slopes from the academy playing fields and climbing over the Academy fences.  Perhaps a little chat at home this weekend about what you are happy for your children to be doing.

**Thank you for making such wise decisions regarding the following…….**

**What should I do if my child is unwell?** If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school. If they have one of the three common symptoms of COVID-19 (coronavirus) - a continuous cough, a fever or high temperature or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste (anosmia) - please follow the latest advice via <https://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus> and book a test. This website includes advice on what’s considered to be a fever in children.

If your child is unwell but they are not displaying symptoms of coronavirus, please keep them at home until they are back in good health. For vomiting and/or diarrhoea, as per normal circumstances, they should remain at home for at least 48 hours after symptoms have passed. This now also relates to a fever or high temperature (alongside a negative coronavirus result) and they should not return to school for at least 48 hours after symptoms have passed.

Please continue to remember:

* **Staff or pupils who are, or who live with someone who is, symptomatic or a confirmed case of COVID-19 cannot attend school until self-isolation is over, or a negative test is received.**
* **Staff, pupils and parents/carers should not come to school if they or someone in their household has developed symptoms (new persistent cough or increased temperature).**

Have a lovely weekend and thank you.

Kindest regards

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