Dear Parents/Carers

We trust this finds you all keeping well as we reach the end of another week.  Lovely to finish the week with sunshine and blue skies!

**Some information for next week……….**

All pupils will start the school day at 9am so there will no longer be a later start for Primary 1 pupils.  All pupils will finish the school day at 3:20pm therefore no earlier dismissal for Primary 1 & Primary 2 Pupils.

Pupils in Primary 1 should enter the playground by the small gate up beside our New Nursery, just off the public path! Primary 1 pupils will continue to line up where they have been lining up brilliantly this past week.  If you wish your child to remain with you until the 08:58 bell that is not a problem but equally do feel free just to send them into the playground to line up straight away.  Primary 1 pupils will be dismissed through the same small gate by our New Nursery.  Please continue to remember social distancing and keep clear of the path and the wee gate by stepping back on the grass. Please also continue to remember, Parents must remain outside the playground, apart from our Nursery Parents.

It has been brought to our attention that several parents are bringing large dogs to the school in the morning for drop off and in the afternoon for pick up. The concern shared is that some of the dogs are being exercised off lead and this has caused distress to some children.  Whilst Bourtree is a public park and it may be good use of time to exercise the dog as part of the school run, we would greatly appreciate it if perhaps this can happen after the children have started their school day. Thank you so much for your support and consideration here.

**Thank you for continuing to remember 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 continue to take care.

Kindest regards

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