Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to have all our Fishermoss Family back together at school once again! Pupils have been super at making such an effort to cope with all that is to be remembered in relation to infection control measures and the step change in rigour.  A sincere and heartfelt thank you to all of you for being so supportive and ensuring a safe return to school for all!  We can’t do this without your help!

We have felt very encouraged as a school at the efforts of our families to do the right thing. We are so grateful to you once again for getting your **children to school on time** with hands washed, having **one adult** at drop off and pick up, keeping to **2m distancing** outside school, wearing **face masks**, **discouraging playing on the embankment** and **going home, protecting the NHS and saving lives!**

I do hope the First Minister’s announcements on Tuesday gave you all a bit of a lift and the sense that there is light at the end of what has been a very long, dark tunnel.  There are real signs of hope ahead but we are not out of the woods yet.  Unfortunately figures from the NHS for the last two weeks indicate that positive cases in both Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City have doubled! We mustn’t drop our guard especially when we are so close to having so much to look forward to.   **The plea for continued compliance with the lockdown restrictions, to reduce any risk of coronavirus cases increasing, remains in place.**

**A reminder of the message** from the NHS is in relation to symptoms of the new variant not being the classic symptoms.  Symptoms can include extreme tiredness, sore throat, headache, bit of a cough, even diarrhoea. The message is if there are symptoms of any sort, however mild, anything at all making your child feel ‘under the weather’ then **do not send them to school!** Schools have been advised to continue to have a ‘low threshold’ and are required to send pupils home immediately for anything that indicates they are feeling unwell.

**What should I do if my child is unwell?** If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school.  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.

**Now that we are all back at school**……should you wish to contact class teachers by e mail, please use the following e mail address Fishermoss.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk and not their GLOW e-mail address.

**Finally……** a huge thank you for your support and involvement in Fishermoss Red Nose Day.  Thank you for the significant number of items sent to school today for ‘The Larder & Covid Support Portlethen’ group.  In addition, monetary Contributions for our Comic Relief Charity ‘Dress as you please’ raised approximately £370!  The generosity and kindness of the Fishermoss Family is second to none!  A fantastic Fishermoss Family response as always!

Please continue to take care and stay safe!

Kindest regards

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