Dear Parents/Carers

Grateful as always to have reached the end of another week with pupils and staff keeping safe and well and school remaining fully open.  Thank you as always for your continued support and efforts to help us with this and for everyone’s efforts to follow the government’s guidance.  It is important for all of us to play our part.

We are all being asked to remember, at all times, when we are out and interacting with other people, the FACTS rules:

* face coverings
* avoid crowded areas
* clean hands and surfaces
* two metre distancing
* and self-isolate and book a test if you have symptoms of the virus

**Parent/Teacher Telephone Consultations….** We trust that you found it beneficial to get an opportunity to have a telephone Parent/Teacher Consultation this week.  An unusual format but always good to talk, nonetheless. My colleagues valued the opportunity to be able to update you on your child’s progress.

**Fishermoss Nursery**…I Thought it might be a nice end to the week to share the professional photographs taken of some of our Nursery Children visiting their new building.  Well worth a look! The kind of building dreams are made of! The photographs can be found on our website under the tab Nursery à New Nursery Building 2020.

**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)**

**Autumn has well and truly arrived**……The temperature has certainly dropped outside, and ‘dreich’ days have been more frequent recently, although today is rather glorious!  It would be super if the winter woollies, jackets and cosy layers could be looked out.  It is more important than ever that we get as much fresh air as possible.  We are still required, and expected, as schools to continue with PE outdoors and to have as many opportunities for outdoor learning as possible.  Shorts and a t-shirt are perhaps no longer suitable for PE so again layers for PE days too and please don’t worry about what the layers consist of! The daily mile is a regular event for classes so again cosy layers help with this.  Think we might be building up to Winter Olympic style PE lessons!

A wee request…..when we have days of foul weather where indoor breaks and lunches are necessary, could home lunches please ensure they do not return to school earlier than 1:20pm as there will be no staff available to let them in their cloakroom door. Children returning from home lunches are to always go to their own door where they usually line up for 1:20pm.

Have a lovely weekend and continue to take care.

Kindest regards

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