Dear Parents/Carers

We continue to greatly appreciate your support with the necessary changes we have had to implement for a safe return to school.

**A few wee changes to where pupils line up in the mornings…..**From Monday31st August,on arrival at school,Pupils in P2, P3 & P3/4 can line up where they line up after morning break and lunchtime!  The children know where this is as they have been lining up there after break and lunchtimes since we started back at school.  This means P2, P3 & P3/4 do not line up on the basketball court first thing in the morning.  Miss Anderson or I will be round the back to supervise class lines and one of us will remain at the basketball court with P4, P4/5 & P5. Your child can still remain with you right up until the 08:58 bell rings if you wish but most pupils are feeling confident now to walk into the playground and join their class line. This has all been talked through with the classes and teachers. With this arrangement, on days of inclement weather, it will also be much easier to facilitate access to the building on arrival at school.  Teaching staff will continue to bring lines round to the basketball court at the end of the day. There is no change to the current arrangements in place for Primary 1 pupils arriving at school or other classes.

As previously shared, various groups within school are being kept apart. Wet areas/breakout spaces have been clearly separated to reduce the movement of groups across different parts of the school estate. Our playground has also been zoned to maintain these groupings and dining hall arrangements are also supportive of this. The allocated zones in the playground will be rotated as best as we can, which will include our Agility Trail.

**Please continue 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 thank you as always for your continued support.

Kindest regards

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