Dear Parents/Carers

Head Teachers have been asked by Public Health and the Local Authority to share the following key messages:

* Just because we are still in level 2, that is not a sign of things levelling off in Aberdeenshire.
* Public Health experts say we are on a clear path towards level 3 if we don’t reduce our cases locally.
* Nationally, there have been measures announced around Christmas. But just because we *can* doesn’t mean we *have to*.

Please let’s keep remembering the importance of all of us making the right choices.  We know how difficult the current restrictions are for us all, especially where we can’t go into each other’s homes.  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

**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)**

**Class Parties** will be held on the afternoon of the dates below 1:20-3:20pm. Pupils are welcome to wear ‘Party Clothes’ on the day of their party and they should come to school ready dressed!  Pupils who normally go home for lunch can choose to get changed then if they so wish.  Please be aware that party clothing and footwear should be suitable for playing outside at morning break and lunchtime.  Cosy layers always help!  As previously shared, Party Bags are being kindly provided by the PSC.

Party dates are as follows:

* Thursday 10th December P4 & P4/5
* Friday 11th P3/4 & P5
* Tuesday 15th P3 & P6/7
* Wednesday 16th P2
* Thursday 17th P6 & P7
* Friday 18th P1M & P1S

A wee reminder about the Drawing Competition our Pupil Support Assistants are running! Details have been reissued today.  Something to keep your darlings occupied over the weekend!

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Take care.

Kindest regards

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