Dear Parents/Carers

The winter woolies, hats, boots and gloves were out in force this week!  ‘Mrs Ferguson it’s supposed to be Spring’, could be heard in the playground on many a morning over recent days. Here’s hoping for brighter days going forward, in every respect!

**Coronavirus (COVID-19): Scottish Government guidance on reducing the risks in schools……**To help ensure that schools continue to play their part in suppressing transmission of the virus, the protective measures and mitigations set out in the main guidance will remain in place when schools move into Level 3 or Level 2.  At this point, it is anticipated that there will be very little change during the rest of this school year.  Scottish Government guidance on reducing the risks in schools is available for all to view on their website.

**A reminder again of the message** from the NHS in relation to symptoms of the new variant.  Symptoms can include extreme tiredness, sore throat, headache, bit of a cough, even diarrhoea. The message remains, 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.  Thank you for your wisdom and continued support regarding this.

**When we are out and about, we are to continue to remember the FACTS as the most important advice to help protect ourselves and others.**

* **wear face coverings**
* **avoid places that are busy**
* **clean our hands, clean surfaces that we or others are touching**
* **two metre distancing remains really important**
* **and self-isolate and get tested if we develop symptoms.**

**Reporting to Parents**……Had the school calendar been ‘normal’ this academic year, your child would have received their Annual Pupil Report today.  Following the lockdown last term, schools have understandably been advised to delay these.  To this end, it is our intention to have our pupils’ annual reports available from Friday 4th June.  As these will be emailed individually to parents, we will be unable to have them all sent on the same day.  Parent Consultations will be remote and will be held Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th June. Further information and details will follow.

Have a lovely weekend!

Take care and stay safe.

Kindest regards

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