Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this finds you all well!

Many of you will have already received your child’s/children’s Pupil Progress and Achievement Reports as we started issuing these from yesterday by e-mail.  The remainder of these will be emailed out Monday 16th May.

Pupils have also been bringing home a paper copy of the **Parent/Pupil Response** page so comments can be added, once you have read your child’s report.  This is a little bit of **Fishermoss Family Homework** which we would love you to do with your child/children.

The Annual Pupil Progress and Achievement Report sits alongside termly comments you have received over the course of the year in homework diaries on Effort, Attitude and Behaviour.  **As with homework diary reports, learners are to have their comments recorded as this shows dialogue and reflection between Parent and Child**.   To support them in this you may wish to encourage them to include the following: **I am proud of ……, My strengths are ……., I would like to be better at……**These are only suggestions and their response can be structured in another way.  With the exception of our youngest learners, most pupils should be able to complete their comment for themselves, as appropriate.

We would greatly appreciate Parents completing the comments page as this is a key part of the reporting process.  It is important that reporting fully involves Parents and Carers as we know parental engagement has a significant impact on learners’ progress. Pupil Extra-Curricular Achievements can include things like learning to bake, gardening and going for long walks and bike rides! We would love to hear about these in addition to any clubs and groups your child attends!

Following receipt of your child’s report, if you feel the need for a telephone/skype consultation to discuss something specific then please record the concern you wish to discuss in the Parent/Carer’s Comment section. This will set the agenda and ensure the conversation is focused, as time slots are short.  Consultations can be booked via **Parentsportal**.  I can now advise you that the booking system will be open from Thursday 19th May so parents will need to have signed up to **Parentsportal** by Tuesday 17th May.  Closing date for booking consultations is Sunday 22nd May.  Options via Parentsportal will be timeslots on Wednesday 25th May 6-8:30pm or Thursday 26th May 4:15-6:45pm.

Information has already been shared on a number of occasions in relation to Parentsportal.  If you have any problems linking to your child please contact the school office for help Tel 01224 472875.

**Parental Engagement and the UNCRC……Wednesday 25th May 4-5:30pm**

Aims of session:

* To raise awareness of the UNCRC and how it links to parental rights and responsibilities
* To think about how the UNCRC might impact on schools, parents and families
* Opportunity for a creative conversation – in break out rooms

Target audience: school staff; parents and third sector / local authority colleagues who support parents and families.  Please confirm attendance by emailing christine.mclennan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk and use the link below to join this session

Microsoft Teams meeting

**Join on your computer or mobile app**

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**Or call in (audio only)**

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**When adults or children show symptoms of respiratory infections, including COVID-19**…… The guidance on respiratory symptoms, including COVID-19 has changed in Scotland in line with the current UKHSA ‘Stay at Home’ advice. 18 The Staying at Home Guidance states that: If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, and you have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to work or carry out normal activities, stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until you no longer have a high temperature (if you had one) or until you no longer feel unwell.  Children and young people aged 18 and under with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, do not need to stay at home and can continue to attend education settings.  Children and young people should stay at home if they are unwell and have a high temperature. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when **they no longer have a fever** and **they feel well enough to attend**. For more information see <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested/pages/changes-from-1-may-2022/#Symptoms> or <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-general-advice>

**As always……**the big message from our Health Protection colleagues is…**if your child is unwell, please keep them at home** until they are back in good health. Please do not send unwell children to school to see how they cope.  Do keep them at home until you are sure they are fit and well. Please continue to err on the side of caution.  For **vomiting and/or diarrhoea**, pupils should remain at home **for at least 48 hours after symptoms have passed.**

Finally……as I do like to help with suggestions for your weekends, be it Messy Church or otherwise, please find attached a poster providing advance notice of a super event being organised by the Royal Northern Agricultural Society-Countryside Live - Sunday 29th May 10am-4pm in Westertown, Rothienorman. This sounds like a fantastic day out!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Take care.

Kindest regards

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