



01316652045



@whatsonatcampie



www.edubuzz.org/campie

19th May 2021

Dear Parents and carers

As always, it has been a busy week at Campie! If you are not yet a Twitter user you might want to browse some of our recent posts to gain some insight into the learning that has been happening across the school. You don't have to have an account to view!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the survey's so far. Already we are seeing some emerging themes which is a terrific source of data for our self-evaluation processes. It would be even better though if we could have a record number of contributors. . . that really would provide us with robust and valid information to develop our plan from. Last week, I suggested that I would share another survey – however as the % of contributions we have is still quite low in relation to the size of school, I feel that continuing with these two surveys would be wiser. Therefore the two surveys will remain open until the end of this week. As part of the activities planned for the in-service we will be reviewing the collated information.

Survey 1: This survey was developed in collaboration with the Improvement Sub Group of the Parent Council. Unless you consent to share, this survey is anonymous so that the PC can read and respond to the results.

Survey 2 Your child's experience and the 'About the School'

This survey is based on the questions that HMIE use when inspecting schools.



FACE COVERINGS



AVOID CROWDS



CLEAN HANDS



TWO METRES



SELF-ISOLATE

I'm sure that the change in restrictions was welcomed by many families on Monday. It is a long awaited sign of progress in the right direction. However, I feel it is important that I emphasise that although there are changes to our family, community and social lives, schools still have very detailed guidelines which have not changed significantly. This means that although there are some changes, much of what we currently have in place is still relevant. I am aware that your children will feel that for a long time there has been extra rules and processes in place. We cannot however become complacent. I ask that you support your child in understanding that the procedures we have in place are still required and as soon as we can operate in a different way – we will.

I ask that you support the following key messages

Be alert to any symptoms of Covid-19 and follow the current guidance in isolating and arranging a test. **It is imperative that you alert the school as soon as possible of a positive result. This then allows us to complete our track and trace procedures in good time.**

In school we:

- Continue to promote good respiratory and hand hygiene.
- Have enhanced cleaning protocols and well ventilated learning spaces
- Operate a 'bubble' system. This means that children belong to a class bubble and where possible they remain within that for the duration of the day. I know that children may have friends and siblings in other bubbles, but for now we must maintain the integrity of these groups. I ask that you explore this and reasoning behind why we have to operate in this way.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with symptoms have at least 1 of these.



As part of this discussion can you also chat about coming to school in the morning? If your child meets friends at the school gate can they please ensure that on arrival and waiting for the gate to open, that they keep to class bubbles and are 2m apart from other bubbles. Parents, grandparents and carers of our younger children are also waiting at the gate. The 2m distancing should be observed in this instance too. If after school, children are meeting up to go home – please ask that arrange this away from the school gate. This causes congestion leading to insufficient space for appropriate physical distancing.

- Ask that you do not come into the playground unless it is to bring or collect your child from nursery. We need to fully utilise the available space for use by our learners.

You have been tremendously patient with the dismissal system. I can empathise with your frustration in the time that it may take. I wish that we did not have to operate in this way. However I can reassure you we have given careful thought to alternatives, however for now, this is the best option that we have. As we are reminding our children of the importance of maintaining 2m can we please model this for them too? Please do also keep the left hand side of the 'Hill' clear so that children and families making their way home are able to safely. I do appreciate all that you have done to keep our children and our Campie Community safe. I hope that we will soon be able to review our experience, adopt what has worked well and return to a more 'normal' experiences . . . but for now, based on the current guidance these are necessary precautions and mitigations.

Just a little reminder that children will not be in school on Monday 24th. We will look forward to welcoming everyone back on the 25th.

Stay safe, take care

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pauline McKay'. The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract, with loops and flourishes.

Pauline McKay

Absence Line



If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please call the absence line. This allows the admin team to have a single point of access for all updates and ensures that systems we have in place to let class teachers know are most effective.

07721 922504