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### Lockdown Update – 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you had a lovely 'break' from Remote Learning and that you are all well.

We were delighted that the First Minister confirmed that Nursery to P3 pupils would be able to return to school from 22<sup>nd</sup> February. In order for this return to happen there has been very clear guidelines put in place to protect the children and staff. It is essential that we all follow these guidelines to ensure that in the near future the Covid positive cases are low enough for older pupils to return.

Nursery to P3 parents will have received the **Return to School Information** letter earlier on today which summarises the enhanced measures put in place for the return. It is very important to remember that the return to school for younger pupils does not signal the end of lockdown, it is a step in the right direction, however as the First Minister pointed out, things are still very fragile.

#### School Return -Keeping Safe

##### **Children who develop symptoms in school/nursery**

Any child who displays symptoms of Covid-19 will be taken to a designated room where they can safely remain separate from others. The Parent/Carer will be called to collect them (unless we have another designated emergency contact – please make sure that the school office holds the most up to date information on their files).

Whilst awaiting collection, our immediate priority will be to keep your child comfortable and supported, whilst remaining 2m away from others. The staff supporting your child will wear PPE, which will be removed and disposed of responsibly before they return to normal duties. The desk area and any other areas that have been accessed (i.e toilets) will be thoroughly cleaned. These enhanced measures have been introduced to reduce risk and possible transmission.

##### **If your child/young person is showing symptoms while at home.**

If your child is showing any symptoms of Covid-19, **please do not send them to school.** You should inform the school office of their absence, in the usual way.

##### **Next Steps**

Whether your child has developed symptoms at school or at home it is essential that you arrange a test for your child. This can be done online at [www.nhsinform.scot](http://www.nhsinform.scot) or call 0800 028 2816. Your son/daughter should then isolate, at home, until they receive a result. They can only return to school if they have a negative result from this test.

##### **Self-isolating due to suspected or confirmed Covid-19 in the household**

If a member of your household is showing symptoms then your child must remain at home until either the member of your household has received a negative test result or for 10 days if positive result. You should report your child's absence to school in the normal way and follow all self-isolation guidance from NHS Inform. If a

member of your household receives a positive test then your child/young person must self-isolate for 10 days. The isolation period includes the date of your last contact with them and the next ten full days. They do not need to be tested unless they have symptoms.

Further information is available at [www.nhsinform.scot](http://www.nhsinform.scot)

#### **Self-isolating following a contact from Test and Protect**

If you have to isolate because you have been contacted by Test and Protect please clarify with them the impacts on your child's school attendance. Current guidance states that only direct contacts need to self-isolate. If your child was in direct contact with someone who has tested positive, then they should also self-isolate. If not, they can return to school/nursery, providing that they and or the other members of the household are not displaying symptoms.

#### **P4-P7**

For our P4-P7 pupils, we await a date from the First Minister for when the safe return of older children to schools is possible. This means a return to Remote Learning for these pupils for the time being. If you need any help or support while this phase continues, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either your child's class teacher or with a member of the Senior Leadership Team through the normal channels.

#### **Staffing**

This week we have welcomed back Mrs Louise Martin from Maternity Leave. Mrs Martin will be taking over from the work that Miss Wilson-Hastie has been doing, so look out for her on your Google Classrooms! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Wilson-Hastie for all of her hard work and dedication during Mrs Martin's maternity leave. For the next few weeks, Miss Wilson-Hastie will be joining our Support for Learning Team and will be supporting across the P2 year stage.

#### **Sad News**

As you may be aware from the email sent, on Friday 12th Feb our bright star Benjamin Davey of Hub May Class, left this world but will shine brightly in all our hearts forever. Beloved son to Alex and Richard and adored brother for sisters Jackie and Caitlin; Benji has left an amazing legacy for us all. We are truly blessed to have been part of his amazing journey and through it all, Benji and his wonderful family have helped us learn so much about love, learning and our spirit of inclusion.

I am sure you will join us in keeping Benji's family along with all of the staff that had the pleasure of working with him, in your thoughts. We will be working with the Davey family, when the time is right, to discuss how we ensure that Benji's legacy lives on in Sanderson's Wynd.

#### **Lastly.....**

We have previously mentioned that we love hearing of our pupils having successes out of school or by being responsible citizens. This week it has been reported to us that Evan Balfour, in P7 helped clear not only his own path during the snowy days but the paths of his neighbours too. How very kind and thoughtful Evan, we are sure that your local community was very grateful. Well done!

Take care of yourselves and those around you,

*Lynsey Blair and the Sanderson's Wynd Staff Team*

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