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Lockdown Update – 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Return and Keeping Everyone Safe

We were delighted to welcome back our Nursery to Primary 3 children this week. There has been a real buzz in the school and the teachers and pupils have enjoyed the return to face to face learning. As mentioned previously there have been the additional safety measures put in place in terms of staff being offered twice weekly testing and adults wearing masks in all areas of the school.

In order to reduce the transmission of Covid-19 within our school community we have asked that all parents and carers follow the Scottish Government guidelines and socially distance in the playground and wear a mask unless you are exempt. We really appreciate your help and support with this.

As we try to ensure the safe arrival and departure of our pupils it is essential that you arrive as close to your child's bell time as possible and depart from the playground as soon as your child is out. This will help us keep within the Scottish Government guidelines and keep everyone safe.

East Lothian Council Learning Estate Review

East Lothian Council's vision is to develop a modern, safe, sustainable learning estate that enhances and supports communities while improving the lives of families equally no matter what area they are in. We're now undertaking a pre-consultation activity which will help to inform a review of our Learning Estate.

An online survey has been created to gather views from the community. This feedback will help inform how we move forward with a full Learning Estate Review.

The pre-consultation public survey will be open from Monday 22nd February until Monday 15th March, during which time the survey will be accessible on the East Lothian Council Consultation Hub.

More information and the online survey can be found at

<https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/education/learning-estate-review-pre-consultation>

Reminder!

Early identification of Covid cases is essential; more so than ever with the return to school of Nursery to P3 and with the view to P4-P7 returning at some point in the future. Please see below for information about what to do should your child or anyone else within your household display any Covid-19 symptoms.

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 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

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.

If you have any questions regarding remote learning for P4-P7 or the return to school please do not hesitate to get in touch through the usual channels.

Take care of yourselves and those around you,

Lynsey Blair and the Sanderson's Wynd Staff Team

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