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Dear Parent/Carer

You will be aware there has been some Covid 19 cases in the local area over the last couple of days. This news will also have caused concern and worry in our community. Reassuringly, there is no evidence of any transmission of COVID-19 within our school, nor any suspected cases.

I wanted to contact you all today to reassure you that the school has many procedures in place to keep everyone safe. These have been agreed with advice from health professionals and the local council. I would also like to emphasise there is no evidence of any transmission of COVID-19 within our school, nor any suspected cases. Health professional colleagues continue to liaise with school this week to support communication. Please note that if you have a new cough, temperature or loss of sense of taste or smell, stay at home and call 0800 028 2816 or go to www.NHSinform.scot/test-and-protect to book a test.

To help us reduce the risk of transmission and ensure school is safe for children and staff, Ratray Primary has put in place the following procedures since the start of term:

- Children sanitise or/and wash hands when they come into school, after break and lunch, after the toilet and before eating.
- Extra cleaning is in place around the school building during the day and after school, especially in high contact places like door handles.
- Adults are socially distancing from children and where this is not possible. (nursery/infant classes/ when giving support/first aid) both adults and children wash their hands after contact.
- Children are keeping to class groups as far as possible, with minimal mixing during break and lunch.
- Resources are kept clean and wiped down after use where appropriate.
- Staggered starts and exit times for all classes.
- Parents from P3-P7 not to come into the school grounds.
- Nursery to P2 parents limited to one family member per child.

We ask that all parents/carers remember to socially distance whilst waiting to pick up or drop off children. If this is not always possible, a face covering should be worn.

Please also remember to limit what your child brings to school. A school bag is permitted to carry necessary items, but please do not bring toys, unless agreed for your child. I would encourage you all to remember our above procedures and help to ensure we all play our part in keeping school safe and open.

Please be aware that Public Health teams have confirmed that children who have parents who work in the 2 Sisters factory in Coupar Angus, but who do not have a positive test of COVID-19, can attend school. Any parent who is a factory worker, however, has been advised by Public Health to self-isolate, and should not accompany them to the school. Only a parent who does not work at the factory may do so.

All of the usual procedures for anyone who has tested positive apply and will be dealt with by Public Health through the Test and Protect process. Please remember that anyone with COVID-19 symptoms, such as a cough, fever, or loss or change in senses of taste or smell should stay off work or school. If your child has symptoms, keep them home, arrange for a test by calling 0800 028 2816 or go to www.NHSinform.scot/test-and-protect and let the school know. If your child returns a positive test result you will be contacted directly.

The public health team will also contact you directly if your child is identified as a contact of a confirmed case and needs to stay home. Family or household members of people who work at the factory are able to book a test if they have symptoms by calling 0800 028 2816 or going to www.NHSinform.scot/test-and-protect.

Please also note if you do not work at the 2 Sisters factory but you have a new cough, temperature or loss of sense of taste or smell, stay at home and call 0800 028 2816 or go to www.NHSinform.scot/test-and-protect to book a test.

Please be aware that as this situation evolves, we will share relevant information with you as quickly and accurately as possible.

I would like to assure you that we are acting in accordance with protocols, advice and contingency plans in line with Scottish Government, Public Health, NHS Tayside and Perth & Kinross Council following the recent announcement. Protocols and guidance are in place to ensure confidentiality and anonymity for those affected. School is safe to open for those who have not been contacted through Test and Protect.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office on 01250 871980.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Joanna Robertson', written in a cursive style.

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