

What are we doing to keep your child/ren and our staff safe?

- Adhering to rigorous Risk Assessments for school and nursery, which will be revised/reviewed by the Management Team on a weekly basis, and monitored for effective protocols and procedures regularly
- Staff are trying to keep a social distance between each other and pupils, where we can
- Children sanitise/wash their hands, on entry to school and between transitions – movements around the school often and rigorously
- Children/classes reduced movements around the school
- Tissues in every room and encouragement to have good personal hygiene at all times
- Lidded bins in classrooms to 'catch it – kill it – bin it'
- Children wearing clean/fresh clothes each day in school
- Children having their own resources to keep at their desk, and used only by them
- Every classroom and several points throughout the school have CLEANING STATIONS including antibacterial / disinfectant spray, wipes, cloths and this will be used and monitored by staff throughout the day
- Where toys / resources are used, these are wipeable, and cleaned regularly
- Additional/enhanced cleaning regime in our school (including an extra clean during the day by Tayside Contract cleaners, lasting 2.5 hours, on top of the clean after the school day is finished)
- Reduced movement of adults/staff in/between our school and other schools on a daily basis
- Staff and pupils do not have to wear personal protective equipment, (in this case masks usually), but they may if they wish to
- Staff using PPE to support children with First Aid needs and or personal care matters (including toileting)
- More windows open than normal, at all times
- Individual risk assessments for anybody in the vulnerable persons category
- Children being kept in their same/usual class groupings, and little/no mixing within the school building
- Reduced numbers of children in the dining hall at one time
- No mass gathering together – no assemblies until further notice
- Parents encouraged to stay away from the school building/playground where possible

What role do parents/carers play?

- Send your child/ren to school each day in clean clothes
- Remind your child about 'social distancing' and not getting TOO CLOSE to other children or staff
- Encourage your child to have good hygiene at home, including good hand-washing for 20 seconds at least
- Do not send your child to school if they are unwell, or display any symptoms of Covid19 or indeed any other illness such as colds
- Please be mindful and sensible about the distancing around the school gate and the pavement outside the school

The signs to look for in Covid 19....

- A new or persistent cough (3 or more times in an hour)
- High temperature
- Loss of, or change in smell and taste

IF ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSE HAS ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS YOU MUST ISOLATE IMMEDIATELY AND ARRANGE TESTING FOR COVID-19 ASAP

What should you do if your child has symptoms of Covid19?

- Your child should NOT attend school
- Siblings should not attend school either
- The person and their household should isolate immediately and arrange testing (call your GP for info or NHS INFORM (ONLINE www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19) or call 0800 0282816

Household isolation means ALL members living in the house should remain at home and should not go to work or school, public areas or use public transport. The household should NOT go out to buy food or other essentials.

If a parent/carer is required to self-isolate, but their child doesn't (maybe because the child has finished their self-isolation period) the parent/carer should NOT take/pick up their child from school. Alternative arrangements should be made until the parent's/carer's self-isolation period is complete.

If you or your child test POSITIVE FOR Covid19, after testing, the HPT will contact you at home and give you advice. The Head Teacher will be informed thereafter.

What will School do if a child appears unwell with symptoms of Covid19?

- We will take your child to a separate space in school (our Meeting room, next to the school office)
- Your child will remain there, supervised by staff (through the glass panel door)
- Your child will be made comfortable with water and a comfy place to rest
- We will call you immediately and ask that you come/collect your child ASAP
- You should also take home all of your children who are in our school/nursery
- You should then contact NHS INFORM and isolate, following their guidance and advice

Your child can only return to school if they have tested NEGATIVE for Covid19 and feel well (and so long as no one else in their household is unwell) or if they have tested POSITIVE, until a period of isolation has been completed (usually 10 days from their testing date) and they are feeling better.

If any pupil/member of staff has a POSITIVE test for Covid19 here's what we will do...

- Contact our local NHD Board Health Protection Team (HPT)
- Take their advice
- The HPT will undertake a public health risk assessment to determine whether or not there is an outbreak
- It is important to note the school will not contact parents about this, as the Health Protection Team will make key decisions and any contacts as necessary – this is a TEAM APPROACH between the HPT, the Authority and the School

For information, an outbreak should be SUSPECTED if there are 2 or more confirmed cases of Covid19 in our school within 14 days, OR, there are increased numbers in rate of absences, due to suspected or confirmed cases of Covid19 as told to us by parents/carers.

This is a LOT of information to take in, but it is there to support you. It is our duty to make sure parents/carers are kept informed and feel confident about what is in place to keep everyone safe.

If you have any questions, please contact me via phone or email, on 01738 472222 or balhousie@pkc.gov.uk

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