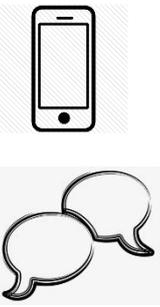


Dear Families



I hope you find the following information useful. Please remember to get in touch with either your child's teacher or me, at any time you have any concerns or need help.

	<p><b>What does Tier 3 mean for us all?</b> We continue to encourage all families to follow the guidance from the Government. As of Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, Perth is in Tier 3. Here is the link to the Scottish Government information you may find useful... <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/pages/protection-level-3/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/pages/protection-level-3/</a></p> <p>You will find a helpful guide on the School App NEWS section. We thank you for your continued support to keep your child/ren safe by following the guidance.</p>
	<p>You may be wondering what will happen if your child comes into contact with Covid. If your child has a high temperature, a cough or loss of smell/taste...please keep them at home. Call this NHS number for advice 0300 3032713 (open from 7am till 11pm) or look up online <a href="https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19">https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19</a>.</p> <p>See below as cited from the NHS website:</p> <p><b>What to do if your child has symptoms</b></p> <p>If your child has <b>any</b> of the main symptoms of coronavirus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.</li><li>2. You, your child and anyone else you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have the test.</li></ol> <p>Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if your child has been in close contact with them since their symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.</p> <p><b>Get a test to check for coronavirus on GOV.UK</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For children aged 5 or over – use the <a href="#">NHS 111 online coronavirus service</a>.</li><li>• For children under 5 – call 111.</li></ul> <p>Then phone the school to let us know what's happening. If a pupil in your child's class tests positive for Covid, the NHS Track &amp; Trace team may get in touch with you (only if your child has been in direct contact, such as sitting next to, or playing with). Some children may be asked to stay at home and self-isolate. If so, the teacher will send home <u>remote learning</u> on</p>

	<p>Seesaw. In the unlikely case where a whole class needs to self-isolate, again, the teacher will be in touch via Seesaw with remote learning. Parents - please let us know if you need help with Seesaw, or if your child has no access to devices (tablet, computer or phone) which would cause a problem for remote learning.</p>
	<p><b>Parent-Teacher contacts.</b> Teachers will be making phone-calls to parents, starting from Monday 23 November. Nursery staff will be calling parents this week. You may see a message on your incoming call as 'number withheld'. Please answer the call at the agreed time. Staff will take notes during the call. We welcome your comments or questions to support your child's learning at home. Staff need to keep the call to just under 10 minutes, so they can keep on schedule with other calls. If you need a translator, please let us know in advance.</p>
	<p>There has been a change in Scottish Law...which now gives children the same rights as adults, regarding physical assault. The Act makes it clear that all physical punishment is against the law from 7 November 2020. The Government recognises that physical punishment is not in the best interests of children. Physical punishment is harmful, and it is not effective. Physical punishment can take many different forms. Some examples are: smacking, skelping, spanking, slapping but there are other types too. Please see the School App NEWS section for more information.</p>
	<p>During Lockdown and until last week, the green man button for pedestrian crossings was automatic (we did not have to press the button). Perth Council wants all families to know that the pedestrian crossing buttons have now gone back to normal use - so you will now have to press the button for the green man.</p>
	<p>To reduce queues at the Nursery door, we have changed times for starting. Nursery staff will tell parents if they are a 9am start or a 9.10am start. We hope this helps you avoid wait times by the gate.</p>
	<p><b>Car park</b> - We respectfully remind parents not to wait for children in the staff carpark. ASDA have given permission for parents to park there and walk to meet your child. I am waiting for Council information about the start of our restricted access zone, which will mean no parents can drive down Muirton Place during drop off and pick up times. Please note this now and plan an alternative journey to the school gate where you can.</p>

	<p>PE – we are working on our Risk Assessment to allow us to do PE indoors. Until these are finalised, children should still come to school ready/dressed for PE. We will let you know very soon when we have the 'green light' to do PE inside again.</p>
	<p>What did the staff do on in-service days? Staff completed some training on Inclusion: which is ensuring we meet the needs of all learners, regardless of any additional supports they may require. We also looked at our Assessment strategies, to ensure we are making good judgements about the skills children have, and how to 'move them on' with this. We also talked about arrangements for Remote Learning, should this be necessary in the future. Finally, teachers had quality time to analyse attainment data – children who are 'on track' to meet the National levels of expectation for age/stage, and examining those not yet on track (and planning how to 'get them there'). When you get your Parent Contact phone call, our teachers will tell you if your child is 'on track' or 'not yet on track' and will give you practical advice on how you can help your child at home. All the research shows, that children who have parents who support them with their learning, simply DO BETTER.</p>
	<p>School Photographs: We will not be getting the school photographer in this year. We may get school photographs organised at a later point in this academic year, but this really depends on changing advice about visitors in school.</p>
	<p>Parent Council...there is a meeting on Zoom tomorrow night (Tuesday 17 November) starting at 7.00pm. All parents are welcome to attend – please let me know if you'd like to join in, and we'll get the zoom code to you. Please note that Mr Sid Sidhu (Harry's dad) is now the Chair of the Parent Council. Mr Sidhu is really approachable and easy to speak to – just ask me in the playground to point him out to you, or you can contact him on the following email: <a href="mailto:sidinperth@gmail.com">sidinperth@gmail.com</a>. We will be chatting tomorrow night about how the school is progressing, and I'll give a full update on our contingency plans for Remote Learning. It would be great to hear from parents with their thoughts on what works/doesn't work re Seesaw and home learning. If you can't join the meeting, feel free to email me with any opinions or ideas about that.</p>
	<p>A polite request to adults please, not to smoke or vape in front of the school gate or near the entrance where other families need to pass you. Thank you for being considerate with this.</p>



Dates for this term:

Skip-a-thon Monday 30 November (classes outside at different times)

Term ends on Wednesday 23 December, at 12 noon

With thanks

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