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Dear Families

I am sure that you are all aware of the impending changes to Covid guidance but I thought it would be useful to capture these here:

Covid Update

From May 1st there are further significant changes to the Public Health Advice for those experiencing symptoms of Covid.

From April 30th test sites will close and people with symptoms are no longer advised to take a PCR test.

The public health advice is for people who feel unwell to stay at home. There is no designated isolation period any longer. This applies to our pupils as well as adults of course.

This is really positive. The data linked to the virus is much more encouraging and these are significant steps forward. I hope that these new rules provide optimism and hope for brighter times.

Holiday Reminder

Please do be aware that school is open on Monday 2nd May 2022. Although initially a holiday, this date has been moved to June to provide a long weekend to celebrate the jubilee. We are very much open tomorrow (Monday)!

SNSA

All school children in P1, P4, P7 and S3 complete online standardised assessments in literacy and numeracy. These assessments help us to identify progress and provide us with information that help us to support our children's learning moving forward. These assessments are underway and delivered digitally, using the school's ipads. They are adaptive which means that if a child is experiencing difficulties, the questions will get easier but if a child is doing well, the questions become more challenging. This is a method used to establish the children's capacity without them having to face lots of questions which are too easy or too hard for them to answer.

We use these assessments to plan the appropriate next steps and support. This helps us to provide the right support at the right time for all our learners. There is no 'pass or fail' these simply give insights into learning, progress and next steps.

Further information can be found using the link below. If you would like any further information about this, then please call and myself or Miss Duncan will happily answer any queries.

[Parents and carers – Scottish National Standardised Assessments](#)

Parents Consultations

We will be hosting parents consultations via Teams on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th June 2022. Information will be shared on booking in due course.

Potted Sports Event

On Wednesday 18th of May we are having a Potted Sports Event on the school field. Our Primary 5-7 children will gather on the field from 10.45 to take part in this event and our P1-4 pupils will gather at 13.45 on the field to take part. You are welcome to join us on the school field to watch this event. Mr Steer is planning our Potted Sports and he will share more detailed information with you all. Please take this as a "Save the date."

Transitions

We are beginning to turn our attention to our new Primary One learners. We are delighted that we will be able to welcome our newest pupils into school for a visit this year. This is something that we have not been able to do for 2 years now and we have missed this so much. At the top end of our school, our Primary 7 pupils will visit Mearns Academy this term to follow their timetable and meet their teachers. We will also welcome Mearns teachers into school this session and I have heard that Mr Campbell (Head Teacher) is going to pop up to meet our pupils which will be very nice. This seems to come around so quickly each year.

I hope you have had a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Jill Smith
Head Teacher.