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Dear Parent/Guardian

COVID POSITIVE TEST:
Yesterday I contacted you with information from the Health Protection Team (HPT) following a positive case within the school; I appreciate that this caused a lot of anxiety and so I would like to inform you of the procedures that we follow.

In the event of a positive case, I communicate with South Ayrshire Council central staff and the Health Protection Team. I share information on the pupil/member of staff and inform them of their movements within the school; the HPT determine the timescale that has to be considered. The HPT then make the decision on who are 'close contacts' and who are not. If your child is deemed a 'close contact', I will telephone to inform you and discuss a suitable time for your child to be collected from the school; they will be required to self-isolate for 14 days. All other staff and pupils remain in school as the HPT deem the risk as very low. The Health Protection Team will then send out letters to all staff and parents via the school; the letter you receive will be determined on you being a 'close contact' or not.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE SCHOOL?
Please ensure that all your contact details are update to date, including home and mobile telephone numbers. Please ensure your child has a face covering/mask each day and wears it in school. Please ensure that they pack their pencil case as it minimises the use of resources in classes and prevents the spread of this virus.

CHILDREN IN NEED:
Friday 13 November is 'Children in Need' and the School Captains are organising a whole school challenge which will be completed in class. It will be a non-uniform day and we ask that all pupils bring a donation of money where possible to support the charity. For health and safety reasons, we ask that clothing should NOT include the wearing of football colours, strappy tops, short cut tops exposing midriffs and request that legs are covered. Please remember that the windows and doors will be open so please encourage your child to wear something warm. House points will be awarded for the wearing of House colours, something spotty or Pudsey related.

CHANGES TO SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:
Following consultation with Parent Councils across the authority, South Ayrshire Council have made the decision to amend the session 2020/21 holiday dates as follows:

➢ Tuesday 22nd December – the school will close at 2.30pm.

- ➢ Wednesday 23rd December – will be an in-service day for staff (The February in-service day will now be a school day for all pupils and staff).
- ➢ School re-opens on Wednesday 6th January

The rationale behind this change is to reduce the need to contact families on Christmas Day if there were to be a COVID-19 positive case within the school. It is anticipated that the latest contact needed would be Christmas Eve. I have attached a copy of the updated holiday information dates for your reference.

JUST A REMINDER:
If your child has symptoms: a high temperature, a new and continuous cough or the loss/change to taste and smell then you should keep them at home and arrange to have a test done. Please inform the school that they are being tested and inform us of the results when they arrive. If the test is negative, your child can return to school.

If someone else in the household has symptoms and is being tested, please keep your child at home, if the result is negative, your child can return to school immediately. Please inform the school that testing is being carried out.

Also attached is a letter from the Community Support Team. It provides information on how to access support, including financial support, if you are self-isolating.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any matters of concern that you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher