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Covid-19 information update: 31st August 2021

Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

Further to my message regarding Covid-19 cases in the school yesterday, I understand and sympathise with parents or carers who are in any way concerned. I wish to provide some additional information today. Firstly, I'd like to assure parents, carers and pupils that:

- We are following the guidance of the Scottish Government, City of Edinburgh Council and Health Protection Scotland.
- We continue to have mitigations including cleaning, ventilation, handwashing and sanitisation in place.
- Staff wear face-coverings whilst moving around school, sanitise, handwash and maintain 2 meter distance from other adults.
- **In addition**, if a class has more than 1 confirmed positive Covid-19 case, that class effectively becomes a 'bubble' in a similar way to last session. We had one class form a bubble last week. From today, we now have 1 more class who have formed their own bubble. However, in a general sense, pupils only have the opportunity to mix when outside at break or lunchtime, much as they do in public, in organised clubs, etc. We are still not having assemblies or using the dining hall, so classes do not mix when inside.

The classes with an identified case are:

- Nursery, P4, P5, P6/7 and P7.
- The other seven classes are unaffected at present.

I encourage all parents to read the 'Warn & Inform' letter to consider what action, if any, you need to take. The letter (and relevant information) can be viewed here:

http://rathoprimary.org.uk/covid19-information/

It is important to note that there is a difference in how we manage Covid positive cases from last session. Only Health Protection Scotland have the authority to isolate a class/classes and none of our classes are advised to isolate; rather individuals and families are to follow the guidance and advice in the above letter. However, all Class TEAMS pages have learning grids available for any pupils who are absent.

I can assure parents and carers that we continue to work closely with the City of Edinburgh Council to ensure our health and safety measures are correct and in line with national guidance. I will keep you updated accordingly… Please be vigilant for Covid symptoms and isolate and test as per instructions if any symptoms show. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.