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Dear School Community,

Despite announcements on some Covid restrictions being lifted across Scotland today (Monday 24/1/2022), at Ratho Primary School we are experiencing a rise in cases over the end of last week and start of this week.

We require all families to also adhere to Covid-19 safety guidance to help keep everyone in our school community safe.

Home Learning

We appreciate that having children off school for isolation or testing can be challenging for many families and/or individual circumstances, however your cooperation is essential in helping us adhere to the guidance.

Children have access to MS Teams for their homework and 'Home Learning Grids' are available on our website here: Stuck@Home Learning – Ratho Primary School. Full instructions on how to use the grids are also on the webpage.

Further to this, there is a huge selection of learning links available via our website here: http://rathoprimary.org.uk/my-account/home-learning/

COVID-19 - Guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection

The full NHS Guidance on testing and self-isolation is here: Coronavirus (COVID-19): Self-isolation guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection | NHS inform The main details are:

It is essential that your child does not attend school if they have symptoms of COVID-19. Currently, in our experience, these symptoms can present as anything from nausea, sore-throats, headaches to general tiredness and discomfort. Anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 must self-isolate and test via the appropriate method.

Everyone should follow health protection advice on self-isolation and Test and Protect procedures (click link) if they exhibit COVID-19 symptoms.

A summary of current guidance is overleaf:

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Summary of current guidance

- You do not need a confirmatory PCR where someone has a positive LFD.
- Symptomatic people should get a PCR even where they have had a negative LFD.
- A person should isolate if they have either a positive LFD or PCR.
- Positive cases should isolate for 10 days, though they may end isolation after 7 days if they have 2 negative LFD test results in a row from day 6 onwards, taken 24 hours apart. See here: Coronavirus (COVID-19): Self-isolation guidance for individuals with possible coronavirus infection | NHS inform
- Non-symptomatic contacts, including household contacts, do not need to isolate if they are fully vaccinated (2 doses and booster) or under 18yrs 4mths old. Instead, these categories of people must take 7 days of lateral flow tests and only isolate where a LFD result is positive.
- Non-symptomatic adult contacts who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated must take a PCR and isolate for 10 days.

As above, this is the guidance of the NHS and we are following the instruction of the City of Edinburgh Council and Lothian Health in requesting all families adhere to this guidance.

Your cooperation in helping keep our school community safe is appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb
Head Teacher

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