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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID Mitigations Update

As we approach the Christmas break we wanted to update you on the situation in our schools and ELC settings. With one week until schools close for the holidays, recent news about the Omicron variant has made it clear that we must be more careful than ever. We are following current national guidance and will notify you if further guidance is issued for schools before the break. There have been changes to the national guidance about **close contacts of people who have tested positive for COVID-19**.

The updated process for managing Covid-19 cases (both Omicron and Delta), for school aged children is that household contacts of a positive Covid-19 case (regardless of whether Omicron and Delta) must isolate for full 10 days regardless of age, vaccination, negative PCR test.

Please find below link to information:

<https://publichealthscotland.scot/our-areas-of-work/covid-19/covid-19-health-protection-guidance/latest-updates/>

Schools and ELC settings will update you directly regarding any impact of COVID on staffing levels. Everyone will do what they can to ensure classes are covered where possible.

Schools are also ensuring tightened mitigations in place, restricting visitors to schools, postponing non essential meetings and essential meetings being arranged virtually where possible.

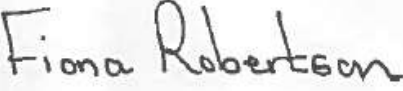
These are alongside current mitigations with adults wearing face masks, touch point cleaning, additional cleaning/ disinfectant fogging after symptomatic/ positive cases, hand washing/ sanitising, ventilation etc.

We continue to request that parents and carers wear face masks and adhere to social distancing within school grounds at drop off and pick up times.

Please look out for 'Warn and Inform' letters notifying of classes where there is a positive case and continue to be vigilant, ensuring children with any COVID symptoms remain at home and take a PCR test. You may also wish to carry out regular Lateral flow tests, this is a mitigation being encouraged by the Health Protection Team.

Thank you in advance for all you can do to support us in this final week of term. By regular testing, being vaccinated and of course following FACTS, we will hopefully do enough to enjoy a healthy, happy Christmas holiday.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fiona Robertson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'F'.

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