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Dear Parents

Children absent from school or nursery

Following the letter from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde issued in relation to the Covid-19 Testing programme, we thought it would be useful to clarify children's absences from school or nursery.

It is clear that if a child or adult has any of the symptoms of Covid:

- the onset of a persistent cough
- or a temperature/fever
- or a loss of taste or smell

They should not attend school or nursery and the procedure detailed in the letter from the NHS should be followed.

We understand that children will get colds and other childhood illnesses and we want to ensure a common sense approach, while recognising that there is a degree of anxiety at this time.

If a child is well but has minor symptoms of a cold, they can attend school or nursery. If a child is unwell, parents should keep their child at home until they are feeling better, just as they normally would.

If a child becomes unwell at school or nursery with any of the symptoms of Covid, they will be sent home and the procedures for dealing with a possible case of Covid will be followed.

We want to work with parents during this time to ensure that schools and centres are as safe as possible for children and staff. If you have any concerns about your child, please discuss this with the Head Teacher of your child's school or nursery.

Yours sincerely

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