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To Parents and Guardians of Students at Lockerbie Primary School

Lockerbie Primary School Covid-19 Cases

You will be aware of the high numbers of positive Covid-19 cases in the local area. Consequently, we are aware of a number of young people who have been attending schools who have the COVID-19 infection.

We have had a number of discussions with colleagues in the Local Authority and with your Headteacher about the situation at your school.

Whilst most of the cases are likely to reflect what is going on in the wider community, rather than being specifically related to attendance at school, there are two classes which have been particularly affected. For this reason, Public Health have advised the Headteacher that to prevent further spread of the virus, P5C and P6 pupils will be asked not to come to school until Monday 13th September.

Until then, classes will be delivered using remote learning.

On public health advice, we are also requesting that any siblings of students in P5C and P6 also stay off school. This includes siblings in nursery and secondary.

A 'Warn and Inform' letter has been distributed by your school. This provides advice on the symptoms to look out for and further information.

For most people, Coronavirus will cause a mild illness, with the most common symptoms being:

- New continuous cough
- A fever, high temperature (above 37.8^o C), or feeling cold or shivery
- A loss of taste or smell

If your child, or anyone in the household, develops these, or similar, symptoms (even if mild) you should arrange testing, and remain in isolation until the result is available.

Further help and advice is available through the www.nhsinform.scot website, or by phoning the helpline (0800 22 44 88). If your child develops symptoms, and you are concerned about their well-being, please phone your GP, or 111 out of hours.

We apologise for the inconvenience that this will cause. We are having daily meetings with colleagues in Education and with your Headteacher to manage this situation and will get things back to normal as soon as we possibly can.

Public Health Department are working hard to contain the infection, and appreciate the support given by the wider community in this task.

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