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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 is a class which has been particularly affected. For this reason, Public Health have advised the Headteacher that to prevent further spread of the virus, P4 pupils will be asked not to come to school until Monday 27th September.

Until then, classes will be delivered using remote learning.

On public health advice, any siblings of students in P4 are also required stay off school. This includes siblings in nursery and secondary.

[www.nhsinform](http://www.nhsinform) 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<sup>o</sup> 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](http://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.

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

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