



Preparation for Class Self Isolation

Dear Parent

As you have no doubt heard the restrictions in Northern Ireland are beginning to tighten again due to another rise in those testing positive for COVID-19. It is worth noting that since schools started back one month ago, approximately 1 in 10 schools have had at least one class self-isolating during that time. Given these figures it is wise to begin preparation for the eventuality that one of our own classes will have to self-isolate for a 14-day period.

Isolation Books- As a school these purple books were sent home a few weeks ago and currently some classes are using them for homework. They will be used for your child to complete their Literacy and Numeracy work in during the 14-day isolation period.

Google Classroom – all codes have been sent out with a help sheet and an explanation video uploaded to seesaw. Google classroom is our main platform for publishing homework on a weekly basis. In the event of having to self-isolate for 14 days, class work will also be uploaded to google classroom. We appreciate so much everyone having already signed up to google classroom and since we used this during our last school closure, hopefully this is a straightforward method at least for viewing work, if not for sending it. After viewing the work, pupils can complete the activity in their ‘Isolation Books’. Pupils/Parents then take a photograph of the completed work and submit it via the Seesaw Family App or Google Classroom and teachers will mark the work and provide feedback.

Seesaw Parent and Family App- All communication will continue on seesaw. Messages, news, letters and on occasion, some activities will be uploaded.



***During any class self-isolation the class teacher will be available via Seesaw between 9am - 5pm and can be contacted via the messaging service on Seesaw. Any work/messages submitted outside of this directed time will be marked/responded to on the next working day. ***

Class Isolation Work- During any 14-day class isolation period the class teacher will be setting one piece of Literacy and one piece of Numeracy each day for your child to complete. There will be instructions for each piece of work and this could include a short video clip of the teacher, an audio clip or a demonstration etc. For ‘Safeguarding’ reasons there will be no ‘live video streamed’ lessons. The work will be submitted that day for marking the same way it would in school for feedback. There will also be one other piece of work published daily e.g. WAU, RE, PDMU, the ARTS etc. Daily spelling, maths facts and reading will also continue.

Accelerated Reading/ Myon and EPIC-

These three reading programmes are available online. Those pupils in P5 – 7 have received their **Accelerated Reading** log in details and P1 - 7 pupils have access to **Myon** reading as well as the **EPIC** app. If you haven't received login details for these programmes, please contact your class teacher. Children can complete AR quizzes at home on myon books read. Myon can be accessed using the following link...www.myon.co.uk

Thousands of amazing books at your fingertips!



Online Platforms- We are continuing to use 'Mathletics' during this Academic year and pupils in P3 - P7 have already received their codes for this year.

In Addition, all pupils in P1 - 3 have been and will be using 'Reading Eggs' during this Academic year to supplement their reading and spellings.

Your class teacher will provide you with the log in details if you haven't already received them and this programme will again be used in conjunction with other work during any class self-isolation period.



Notification of Class Self Isolation- If a pupil has tested positive for COVID-19 it is crucial that you inform the school straight away by either ringing the school or emailing mmccusker663@c2kni.net (outside school hours & weekend). The parents of all the pupils in that class will receive a letter (sent via Seesaw) informing you that a member of the 'class bubble' has tested positive and that your child needs to self-isolate for 14 days, during which time it is important to monitor your child in case they display symptoms (your child does not need tested during this period unless they display symptoms). If you have another child in a different class they can still attend school (unless the child is a sibling of a pupil who has tested positive) as normal and other members of your household can still attend work etc.

The rest of the school community will receive a separate letter informing you that a 'member of the school community' has tested positive for COVID-19 and that the school are working with the PHA. The letter again will be sent via Seesaw. All other classes can attend school as normal.

Current Measures- We continue to operate 'Class Bubbles' in school and the playground continues to be divided into 'Play zones'. Interaction between classes is kept to a minimum and everything is risk assessed in line with current guidance from Education Authority and Department of Education. This means that should a member of the school community test positive for COVID-19, we will seek advice from the PHA and advise all those who have been in close proximity to that pupil/staff member so they can initiate the self-isolation period (this will include everyone in that class bubble - pupils, teacher and classroom assistant). As already communicated, no details will be shared with PHA without your consent.

Yours sincerely,

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