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Dear Parents/Carers

We have been blessed with wonderful weather at the start of the new school year. The pupils have been making the most of our outdoor learning areas during this time – we are fortunate to have such a rich environment. I will send you pictures later in the week of the pupils busy, enjoying their learning at Johnstown.

Covid 19

Thank you for your support with changes to routines and organisation of the school day. We really appreciate your help, particularly as the information and advice is constantly evolving. Please continue to maintain social distancing when collecting and dropping off your child/ren; this is crucial to safeguarding us all.

In order to avoid transmission of Covid 19, pupils must not come to school if they, or any member of your household, is suffering from symptoms of Covid 19 or are unwell. If a pupil does show any of the symptoms while attending school or are unwell, we will contact you to collect your child/ren and provide you with the necessary health advice. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste

I wish to share with you below the most updated Covid 19 procedural advice from the Local Authority:

What to do if your child has symptoms?

If a child/parent/household member develops symptoms of COVID-19, the entire household should immediately self-isolate, and book a test for the individual with the symptoms.

Anyone with symptoms must self-isolate for 10 days from when their symptoms started. They can return to school on or after 10 days if they are well enough to do so.

Anyone in the household who does not have symptoms must self-isolate for 14 days from when the first person in the home started having symptoms.

If a child receives a positive test result, they will be contacted by the Test, Trace, Protect Team who will advise them further and the school will be contacted immediately.

If the test is negative, self-isolation can end for everyone, children may return to school and parents/guardians can return to work if they are well enough to do so and as long as nobody else in the household has developed symptoms.

It is acceptable for Head Teachers to ask for proof of a negative test.

It is unnecessary to test the entire household if they are not symptomatic.

If a symptomatic pupil receives an inconclusive test result, they should continue to self-isolate until a conclusive test result is received or until the self-isolation period has lapsed and they are no longer displaying COVID symptoms.

If a COVID-19 test is required, this should be arranged via the UK Booking Portal:

<https://gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-test> or by ringing 119.

Parents/Guardians collecting symptomatic pupils must also collect siblings from any other school or setting.

Should a parent not wish their child to have the test, then the Head Teacher has an obligation to protect other pupils and members of staff by telling the parent to keep the child at home for 10-day isolation.

The child can return to school after 10 days if they are well enough to do so and are no longer displaying COVID 19 symptoms.

Anyone in the household who does not have symptoms must self-isolate for 14 days from when the first person in the home started having symptoms.

Macmillan's Coffee Morning Reminder – Friday 25th September 8.30am to 9.15am

I would be grateful if you could join us on Friday for our 'Grab and Go' Coffee and cake morning in support of Macmillan's Cancer Care Charity. I am sure you will all agree that it is very worthy of our support during these difficult times.

Have a good week and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

K McComas
Head Teacher