

5<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear families

### **Covid-19 update – attendance at school**

I am writing again with a further update to our Covid-19 flowchart which was recently circulated; version 2 is attached to this letter. We are doing all we can to ensure the safety of students and staff in school and whilst we have our own local guidelines for use at Dysart, it is important that you also keep up to date with government guidance. If you are unsure of any of the Dysart guidance please do ask.

We understand the importance of your child being in school and how important their education is. If we all following this guidance we will hopefully keep the school open for the majority of students.

Following discussion with school transport and with the school nurse the guidance below will now be put into place:-

- Your child must stay off school if they show any of the Covid-19 symptoms
- You must call the main office to let the school know
- You must do your best to get your child tested – we now have a limited number of home test kits in school, please speak to the school nurse, Jodie
- The test needs to be done in the first 5 days of having symptoms
- Getting a test helps to protect others in the Bubble and the wider community – consider test and trace
- The whole family must isolate for 14 days
- If you child is not able to complete a test, they will have to complete a minimum of 10 days and up to 14 days of isolation. This should be in discussion with school
- The guidance for isolating the family is below:-
  - do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
  - do not go on public transport or use taxis
  - do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
  - do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
  - do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one
- Please keep the school updated on a regular basis

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### Returning to School

Your child can return to school after 10 days (if they have not had a test) but only if the following criteria can be met:-

- You have an agreed return date
- No other member of the family has developed symptoms
- You must wear a face covering when taking your child to and from school transport
- You can bring your child to school, after 10 days, in your own vehicle but you **must not leave your vehicle** at any time during drop off
- Your child must be able to walk from the car with a member of school staff
- You must not come into contact with any school staff during the drop off
- We can provide evidence, if need be, of why you are transporting your child to school

If you have any questions at all, please speak to the school nurse, Jodie. She can also be reached on [Nurse-Dysart@dysartschool.org](mailto:Nurse-Dysart@dysartschool.org)

I am also happy to be contacted at any point should you have questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leigh Edser".

**Leigh Edser**  
**Principal**

### Note:

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<https://hiddendisabilitiesstore.com/>