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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 prudent 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 we will be sending home some 'Class Isolation' books which you will keep at home. These books are to be used for your child to complete their Literacy and Numeracy work in during the 14-day isolation period. Feedback from the parent's survey in June suggested that nearly all parents would prefer to have their child complete their work on paper rather than digitally.

Seesaw Class App- All pupils have received their QR Code for Seesaw and this should be kept somewhere safe and easily accessible. Please download the Seesaw Class App to your tablet/laptop/smart phone. All work during the isolation period will be set via the Seesaw Class App and pupils will see the work and then complete the activity in their 'Isolation Books'. Pupils/Parents then take a photograph of the completed work and submit it via the Seesaw Class App and teachers will mark the work and provide feedback.



***During any class self-isolation the class teacher will be available via Seesaw between 9am - 3pm 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. ***

Seesaw Parent and Family App- It is really important that all families sign up to this App. (*Preferably on your phone to receive notifications quickly* although it can be downloaded to several devices) Each child will have been given a family QR Code. If you have more than one child in Coagh Primary School, it is important that you link all your children to your family Seesaw account. This will be the main means of communication between school and home throughout this year.



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 two

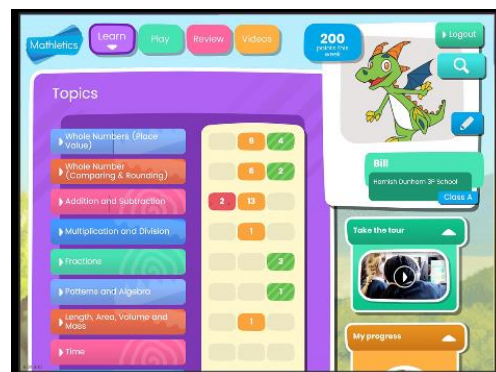
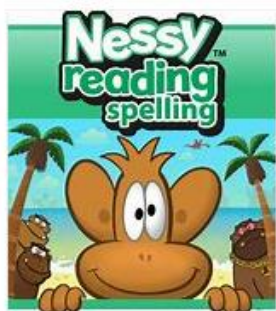
pieces of World Around Us work during the week along with instructions on the continuation of daily spellings/tables and reading.

Accelerated Reading- Those pupils in P4, P5, P6 and P7 will have received their Accelerated Reading Log in details and targets for Term 1A. Traditionally any quizzes were completed in school but unfortunately we are unable to facilitate this at present. On the school website we have created an Accelerated Reading Tab under the Pupils Section. Click on the link and pupils can complete their Accelerated Reading Quiz at home.



Online Platforms- We are continuing to use 'Mathletics' during this Academic year and pupils in P2 - P7 will receive their updated codes over the next few weeks. It is important to keep this code safe because some homework and/or activities during class self-isolation will

be set using Mathletics. Some pupils from P3 – P7 have been and will be using 'Nessy' 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 ibayne452@c2kni.net (outside school hours & weekend). The parents of all the pupils in that class will receive a letter (Sent via Seesaw/Text message link) 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/Text message link. 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 an essential 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 can 'track and trace' all those who have been in close proximity to that pupil/staff member and initiate the Self isolation of everyone in that class bubble which includes the pupils, teacher and classroom assistant.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I. Bayne'.

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