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Head Teacher
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Dear Parent / Carer

It has been widely reported that the UK and Scottish Governments have moved to the 'delay phase' in response to the spread of Coronavirus.

Therefore, I am writing to inform you of Garrowhill Primary School's contingency plans if the Scottish government takes the decision of a blanket school closure.

I should stress that no decision has been made to close schools and we continue to operate as normal until we are told otherwise.

However, I thought it would be useful and reassuring for Parents / Carers to know we have plans in place to make sure our pupils have every opportunity to continue their education regardless of the circumstances we may face.

In the event of our school closing we will implement the following:

- Class teachers will prepare appropriate learning activities for their classes. These will be posted on the school app and on our school website.
- All children have today been issued with two new jotters for use at home during any period of closure.
- School staff are meeting on Monday 16th March to discuss possibilities of using GLOW and online learning sites to further enhance learning opportunities. Further information on this will be communicated to families as soon as possible.

Absence from school:

Absences should be reported following usual procedures.

Where parents decide to isolate a young person as a precaution, the child should return to school after the 7 day period if there are no symptoms. During this period of isolation parents should follow the home learning guidance.

In order to support Government advice within school we are doing the following:

- Hygiene lessons with all classes.
- A continued focus on hand washing.
- Following NHS guidance :
 - Wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel, regularly throughout the day.
 - Catch your cough or sneeze in a tissue, bin it, and wash your hands.

- Cough / sneeze into your sleeve if no tissue.

Home Learning:

From Monday 16th and while the school remains open, home learning jotters and book bags returned last week will not be sent home. Parents/carers should use the new jotters issued today. Please read the school app alerts for guidance on what your child should be doing for home learning over the next two weeks. These alerts will be posted by 5pm today.

You can help at home be reinforcing these messages with your child/ren. This is good practice and will benefit pupils regardless of the current situation.

We are making changes to forthcoming events in light of guidance as we want to ensure we are helping protect our community as well as our pupils. Planned trips to other venues due to take place between now and the Easter break will be cancelled, this includes swimming lessons.

Updates will continue to be posted on our School App and/or issued via text.

The council's website page will be updated with the most current information and guidance at <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Yours sincerely



LINDA LOGUE
HEAD TEACHER