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Dear Parent / Guardian,

In my letter yesterday I outlined all of the guidelines which you should be following in relation to Covid-19. If your child has a new, persistent cough, sore throat or temperature, they should be self-isolating for 14 days. Along with that child, all people who live in the house should also be self-isolating therefore siblings **should not** attend school.

In contrast to this, **families who do not have any member of their household displaying symptoms should be sending their children to school.** There is no allowance for missing school unless otherwise directed by a medical professional because of individual health problems.

Our staff are working hard at the minute, not only teaching their own classes as is required of them by the Department of Education but preparing work for 4 weeks as was directed by the Minister of Education. As a staff we appreciate that some children are at home in isolation because of family members with symptoms and do not want them falling behind unnecessarily. To support this, staff will upload any worksheets that they are doing with classes to Seesaw each day and this will help you with working with your child from home. Similarly, staff may take a photo of a practical activity which you can help your child with at home. At the beginning of the week we will also endeavour to put up mental maths and spellings for the week and we would encourage you to help your child at home with these and to read every day with your child.

It should however be noted that we will not be providing paper copies of work at school for children at this time, however, this may change as new advice becomes available. If your children are off in isolation, you should not be attending school to speak with staff as this poses a risk to their health. Similarly, it will not be possible for teachers to speak to each parent regarding individual teaching.

Over the next few days, I will be directing you to key documents such as the Northern Ireland curriculum which will help you when working with your child. But once again, at this time, school is fully in operation.

As I have already said, these are challenging times. We really are in unprecedented waters and are trying to keep school as normal as possible at this time. To help us, we would ask that you show understanding of our position and remain courteous at all times.

Thank you for your help with this. If you have any individual concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via email; afrizzell135@c2ken.net

Regards,

Mr Andrew Frizzell

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