



Dear Parent,

Last week I received a telephone call from the Department of Education congratulating me on being the top ranked school in Northern Ireland for having no cases of Covid-19 or Covid-19 related absences. This is a fantastic achievement for a small village school, and something that could not have been achieved without the help of all of you!

I can put the policies and procedure in place, but I depend on all of you to support me by following them. You have done this so well, and I thank you for your unwavering support, however, this virus is out there, and it appears that cases of Covid-19 are on the rise in the village.

I now need your support to help keep our community safe. As we move into the Winter months it is vital that we all continue to follow the guidelines set out by Public Health. In terms of school, I would remind you of the following:

- If your child or ANY member of your household has Covid-19 symptoms OR is being tested for Covid-19, please DO NOT come to school, but do inform us as soon as possible.
- If your child or ANY member of your household has been a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 please DO NOT come to school and inform us as soon as possible.
- If you are in ANY doubt as to whether or not you should send your child to school please contact us for further advice.

Work will be sent home for children who are absent due to having to self-isolate and online learning will be set through our various online platforms – Reading Eggs, Mathletics, Education City and other websites.

If your child's absence is Covid related their attendance record will NOT be affected.

As we enter the Winter months our central aim is to keep the school and wider community safe. Please continue to follow the guidelines and if in any doubt please don't hesitate to contact me:

You can telephone the school office during working hours – 02820741585

or email me at any time [jphilpott256@c2kni.net](mailto:jphilpott256@c2kni.net).

Our Restart Policy is available on the website [www.wpmmps.org.uk](http://www.wpmmps.org.uk) and

Public Health NI COVID-19 Community Helpline can be contacted on 0808 802 0020

Once again, thank you for ALL that you have done so far and will continue to do to enable us to keep our school family and wider community safe.

J Philpott

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