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School update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you are well and that you are staying safe through following the most recent government guidance.

Cleaning

Given the recent rise in COVID cases, I would like to reassure you that we have added an additional cleaning routine to our daily measures to further prevent the spread of infection. We decided to deploy this in light of national cases, it is not due to any concern around our existing school cleaning procedures or cases within the academy.

Absence

Our current pupil attendance level is very low but we appreciate your communication in letting us know when children and households have had to follow self-isolation guidance. As a community, we have committed to protecting one another through strict adherence of the guidance and therefore some absence is to be expected. I'm sure that we are all of the same mind when hoping that the national testing procedures will soon start to meet demand. Tests seem to be few and far between but please continue to follow the household isolation guidance while trying to secure them for your family. We are currently updating our website so that pupils will be able to access work from home when self-isolating. We will send out further guidance in the coming days so that children have the least amount of disruption to their learning.

Start and end of the school day

Thank you for your continued distance from other families when dropping off and picking up your children. We hope that the measures that we have in place will help our school to remain open through the limitation of any outbreaks. We are aware that for many parents and carers there is a waiting period on the playground between start and finish times for children in the same family. We ask that you keep all of your children with you while waiting so that they are not mixing with other families and households. There are a few repeated incidents of teachers waiting with students for up to half an hour after their finish time where parents and carers have not arrived at school until the later collection time for a sibling. This has meant that teachers have limited time to complete the rest of their work and has delayed the start to meetings. Please ensure that all of your children are collected at their individual finish times or enquire about our after school provision. Alternatively, other adults can collect your children if you call the office in advance to let us know.

As always, I want to say a huge thank you to our school community. The first two weeks of term have been busy but calm and positive. We have had to delay some usual elements of school life in order to adjust to the new timetable and measures but, due to your continued support and patience, David Livingstone Academy is now returning to our usual school routines.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Mitchell
Interim Head of School