



Dear Parent/Carer,

Coronavirus (COVID-19) precautions

I wrote to you yesterday (*Mon, Aug 20*), in respect of concerns in the community about a potential case of coronavirus (COVID-19) and this letter is to update you on the latest position.

As outlined, we shared the concerns with Aberdeenshire Council and NHS Grampian's Public Health team for their awareness and investigation. Both bodies have advised us that they are aware of the situation, and that Test and Protect procedures have been followed.

While the Public Health team is unable to discuss individuals, I can confirm, through parental contact, that a number of pupils will be self-isolating as a precaution and will not attend school until that process is completed.

With those measures in place, we have been advised that no further action is needed within Portlethen Academy and that pupils can return as planned over the next few days.

I am very grateful for the hugely helpful and responsible contact we have had from families and young people who are involved in this difficult situation. They have all been as concerned as we are that this does not impact on the school and the wider community.

It is an important reminder that we must all continue be cautious in all areas of our lives and that we follow health advice at all times. As per my letter yesterday, if you or anybody in your household is displaying symptoms of coronavirus, please follow the steps outlined by NHSinform at www.nhsinform.scot/campaigns/test-and-protect

In terms of arrangements In Portlethen Academy, all pupils will receive an induction on return and our advice is available on our website. We look forward to welcoming new S1 pupils tomorrow (*Wed*), S4-6 on Thursday then all pupils from Monday, August 17.

Should there be any change in the situation or advice we will advise you directly.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Morrison

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