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Dear Parent/Carer,

As the Covid-19 infection rate across Aberdeenshire is showing an increase, I think it is important for you to be able to access local information to help us inform our decisions in keeping our local community safe.

I am aware that a lot of information has been provided over the last few months and as such I wish to emphasize a few key points to remember:

1. If you or a member of your household has symptoms and you are awaiting a test result, DO NOT send your young person to school. They MUST self-isolate until the test result is through. If the test is negative they can return to school unless they have symptoms – in which case they would require to be tested.
2. If your young person has been asked to isolate as a close contact through Test and Protect they need to isolate for the full 14 days even if they have been tested and their test is negative.
3. If your young person is unwell, they should remain at home. If your child has had a fever even with a negative test, they must remain at home for 48 hours after the fever has passed. If your young person has been vomiting or has had diarrhoea they need to stay at home for 48 hours after they are symptom free.
4. In order to help to protect ourselves and the wider community it is really important we all continue to stick to the FACTS and ensure hand washing, mask wearing and physical distancing continues to be a priority. This will also help to ensure as many of us as possible can continue to enjoy school and work.

5. If you require assistance, please contact the school, the NHS or the Assistance Hub <https://gcah.org.uk>
6. There is a local data checker so you can see daily updates on data affecting settlements.
 - Click link https://public.tableau.com/profile/phs.covid.19#!/vizhome/COVID-19DailyDashboard_15960160643010/Overview
 - Choose View Cases by neighbourhood
 - At the top of the page, choose the Aberdeenshire area from the drop down menu
 - Hover over areas for 7-day data.
7. There is a postcode checker on our website. It tells you what your local COVID-19 level is, but also what that means. You can find it in the yellow box at the top of the homepage (www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

We continue to put measures in place to keep Turriff Academy open and are monitoring staffing levels so that we can continue to do so. I know that things are tough at the moment, but by working together, we will get through this and help infection rates move in the right direction.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely



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