

Date 10 March 2020

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Dear Parent/Carer,

You will be aware of Coronavirus which has now resulted in confirmed cases in Scotland and the Lothians.

The Council is receiving regular advice from the Scottish Government and Health Protection Scotland. It is important we all take proper precautions to limit the spread as far as possible. This includes regular handwashing and maintaining good hygiene.

Your child/ young person should attend school as normal if they feel well. However:

- If your **child/young person** has returned to the UK from an area of the world identified as Category 1 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk#china> they should remain at home (self-isolate) for two weeks whether they have symptoms or not. If they develop symptoms (a cough, a high temperature or shortness of breath) you should contact your GP by phone or NHS 24 for advice and remain at home until they are well.
- If your **child/young person** has returned to the UK from an area of the world identified as Category 2 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk#china> and they are well, they can attend school as normal. If they develop symptoms (a cough, a high temperature or shortness of breath) they should remain at home (self-isolate) and you should contact your GP by phone or NHS 24 for advice.
- Should your child/young person have an underlying health issue and you are concerned, you should contact your GP by phone or NHS 24.

Below is a link to the Coronavirus advice on the NHS Inform website which you may find helpful:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>

We are keeping the situation under constant review and will update parents and carers should advice change.

We appreciate this is an uncertain time for everyone but please be reassured that the Council is doing all it can to minimise any impact.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andy Gray', is centered on the page.

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