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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to share some news items with you as well as clarifying the current Scottish Government advice around self-isolation in schools.

Bikeability

The children in P4 – 7 will have the opportunity to work with experienced instructors from the Bikeability team to improve their cycling skills and to learn about bike safety and maintenance. A separate letter from the Bikeability team will follow if your child is in P4-7. The timetable is as follows:

| Day | Class | Activity |
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| Monday 20 th September | P4 & P5 | Playground based cycling skills. |
| Tuesday 21 st September | P6 | Playground based cycling skills. |
| Wednesday 22 nd and Thursday 23 rd September | P6 | Playground based cycling skills or road based cycling skills depending on cycling confidence and ability. |
| Friday 24 th September | P7 | Cycle maintenance |

Children will be provided with bikes and helmets so they do not need to bring their own bike to school.

Netball

Netball club will start again for all pupils in P6 and P7 from Monday 6th September at lunchtime. The club will only be outdoors at the moment so it will be weather permitting! Pupils should wear PE kit and bring trainers if they have them to play on the outside court.

Entering and Leaving our Playground

We would like to thank all parents for supporting us by following the current rules we have in place for drop off and pick up. It is now much easier for staff to see waiting parents. A reminder that all children and parents should enter and exit via the two pedestrian gates in the front playground, one of which is near the bus stop and the other by Rosetta. Please do not walk through the two car parks as they are constantly used by moving vehicles. Thank you.

Junior Road Safety Officers

We are looking forward to working with Summer and Brodie in P6 who are our new Junior Road Safety Officers. They will run competitions throughout the year to promote road safety and there are a selection of prizes to be won!

Covid Rules in School

As we returned to school in August the rules for self-isolation changed. These are the regulations set out by Scottish Government and in turn Scottish Borders Council.

- If your child has COVID symptoms they should isolate along with the rest of the family and take a PCR test. If your child has symptoms in school we will ask you to collect them along with any siblings in school and arrange a PCR test for the child who is unwell.
- If your child then tests negative, they may return to school when they are well enough to do so and siblings can return immediately.
- If they test positive, please follow the advice from Test and Protect, they will contact you.
- If there is a positive case in school, all parents will be sent a 'warn and inform' letter letting you know there has been a positive case and to be vigilant for signs of infection. You may also receive similar letters from community clubs.
- If there is more than one case you will also be sent a 'warn and inform' letter advising you that this is the case.
- If your child is a **close contact** of the positive case, you will be asked to collect them and arrange a PCR test for them. Your child needs to isolate until the result is received. Siblings, unless identified as a close contact themselves do not need to isolate. If the test is negative, children can return to school, if it is positive, again Test and Protect will contact you.
- **If you do not receive a specific message saying your child is a close contact and asking you to arrange a PCR test, you do not need to take any action other than to remain vigilant.**

Please note a PCR test (not a lateral flow) must be taken if advised to do so.

Staff in school continue to test twice a week. We appreciate the rules are new and confusing so we hope the above information provides some clarity.

Flu vaccine

The immunisation team will be in school on Thursday 7 October giving flu vaccines. Please check bags for letter sent home today. Permission slips should be returned by next Wednesday 8 September, thank you.

Head Lice

We have had several reported cases of head lice in school. Please be vigilant for signs of infection and check your child's hair regularly, thank you.

Parent Council

Our first Parent Council meeting of the year will take place on Thursday 16th September at 6.30pm. All parents are invited to attend this meeting which will take place on Microsoft Teams. An invitation will be sent to your child's Glow e-mail address. Please use their i-pad to access the meeting or another device such as a phone. Glow e-mail addresses will be stuck in the back of your child's diary/homework book before the meeting. The password for all Glow e-mails is: Halyrude1

Microsoft Teams works best when using the app.

All of the children have settled back to life in school. If you have any questions about their learning please contact us using the general school e-mail address and we will pass your query on to your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely

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