Good afternoon everyone,

From Scottish Government and Local Authority advice, the normal service of all schools are closed.  **ONLY,** if you are a Category 1 Key Worker who **cannot** secure any other child care arrangements, and your whole household are fit and well with no high temperature or cough, then you can bring your child to school tomorrow and complete an application form for us to look after your children.

 Within school we will strive to do our best to look after your children should you require this service; however, this is will look very different to their normal school day and we will have stringent operating procedures in place to protect everyone in the building.

Please come to the front door where you will be given an application form to complete. Please bring your own pen to complete this.  Your child will then enter the building, sanitise their hands and go straight to the gym hall.  When you collect them at the normal time of 2.50pm please come into the playground.  DO NOT gather at the gates outside of the playground as this does not allow for social distancing.  Every adult should stay 2 metres apart and can I would ask that you all stand as far back in the playground as you can.  The children will leave from the bottom classrooms to allow the teachers to stand at the door to make sure your children are safe but also allows them to keep a safe distance.  Please DO NOT approach the school building or the staff.

Your children do not need to wear school uniform.  The school will be well ventilated therefore they should have something warm to wear.  Can you make sure your child can open all snacks.  Each day we normally open crisp packets, twist caps of juice, stick straws in cartons of various shapes etc.  We cannot be touching your children's snacks for both parties health and safety.  If need be, you will need to teach your child this tonight.  This is also true for jackets and bags etc.  They will need to be able to unzip their jackets etc.  They should also bring their home learning pack provided by the school as this will be the basis of their work.  They should also bring their own pencil case with stationary.  We will obviously provide it if need be.

If you are attending for a school lunch only, please come to the gate closest to the lunch hall at 12pm.  My plan is that a packed lunch will be provided to take away.

I realise that a lot of this sounds quite harsh but as Nicola Sturgeon said today.  This is not normal.  It shouldn't feel normal.  I need to now protect both pupils and staff as best I can and these measures are put in place to allow me to do so.

Happy Mother's Day to all of you mums out there!

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