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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we commence a new half term, I would like to take the opportunity to say how proud I am of our pupils, parents and staff who have adapted and shown great resilience during the current challenges that COVID-19 presents within our school community and beyond.

It is fantastic news to hear that community transmission is decreasing and that the programme of vaccinations is progressing well. Weekly testing will start in the coming weeks which will provide an additional safety mitigation for us all. Please see our school website for more information on testing. We are currently waiting on information from the Education Authority regarding our nominated day for testing. More information to follow.

Please continue to be vigilant in protecting all members of our school community by adhering to the following:

* If your child is unwell then he/she should stay at home and rest until feeling better.
* If your child has any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 then follow PHA advice and arrange a test.
* If any member of the family has symptoms of COVID-19 and is awaiting test results, then **all** members of the household should isolate until results are confirmed. Children should not attend school if any family member is awaiting test results having displayed symptoms of COVID-19.
* Notify the school as soon as possible if any member of your household tests positive for COVID-19.
* Parents and carers to be contactable during the school day.
* For parents who are dropping children to school please stay in your car and a member of staff will come to you.
* Maintain 2metre social distancing whilst on the school premises to help keep everyone safe.
* Communicate regularly with your child’s teacher

Thank you for your continued support in working together to keep Knockavoe School a safe and happy place to work and learn. We are looking forward to a busy half term with lots of fun activities for World Book Day on 5th March, celebrating St Patrick’s Day and the enjoyment of activities in preparation for Easter. We continue to plan all our learning with a Recovery Curriculum focus and in building and strengthening relationships.

Kind regards

Sharon Cassidy