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Dear Parent/Carer

My update this week concentrates mainly on Covid safety measures as new guidance has been issued by the Scottish Government. We do have a high level of compliance with all the measures we have put in place. That said, I would very much appreciate your support in speaking with your child about the need for us all to remain vigilant and follow the measures. Please emphasise the importance of remembering to bring a face covering to school. Also, hand hygiene and the need to hand sanitise thoroughly. As a staff, we highlight these key points daily, your support in doing so at home, is very much appreciated.

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance on reducing the risks in schools**

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-reducing-the-risks-in-schools/>

The Scottish Government has set out a Strategic Framework based on 5 levels of protection. The protective measures set out in this guidance represent the 'core' or standard protective procedures which should be in place in all schools across all five protection levels. The new school guidance works within this framework. Schools who are in an area subject to Level 3 or 4 restrictions should, in addition to the standard protective measures in the guidance, implement the enhanced measures with a view to ensuring that schools can remain open safely.

As Aberdeen is in Protection Level 2, we, as a school follow the standard protective measures. These measures include:

- Weekly reminders of the importance of staying at home if ill. Please see the usual insert below on Covid symptoms.
- Strict 2m social distancing between staff and staff and pupils
- All staff and pupils wear face coverings in indoor communal areas (corridors, canteen etc.) and on school transport (bus to Rubislaw Playing Fields). **We are advising that the face covering is not a snood or a scarf.** We have explained this to pupils throughout yesterday and today.
- No entry to the school grounds for anyone other than school staff and pupils.
- If, by prior arrangement with the school, a young person is being collected at the school gates, the parent/carer must wear a face covering and maintain a 2m distance from any other adult (e.g. school staff on supervision) or pupil exiting the grounds.
- Staff and parental meetings held virtually.
- Strict hand hygiene with the use of hand sanitiser on entry to the school building and to each class. Pupils and staff hand sanitise before boarding school transport to Rubislaw playing field (for outdoor PE).
- Strict cleaning arrangements.
- Strict ventilation arrangements.
- Minimising interaction between S1-S3 and S4-S6 through staggered start and finish times and separate break and lunchtime.
- Minimising movement with the removal of tutor time and adherence to a one-way system.

The new guidance advises that school uniforms/clothing is washed and cleaned as normal.

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**Physical Education**

As a staff we are looking at the new guidance for Physical Education and I will write to you again with more information on this.

For the moment, I ask that pupils continue to wear their PE kit on the day(s) they have PE.

**Safety at the School Gates**

Please do not park at the school gates or across the road from the school gates. Please arrange to collect your child at a point away from the school gates and where traffic is congested. There are occasions where pupils are running across busy roads to meet a parent and get in a car. Your support with this is appreciated.

Pupils are advised to use crossings at all times when crossing busy main roads.

**Covid Symptoms**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the general advice currently in place for COVID-19. If you or anyone in your household develop symptoms, the symptomatic person should self-isolate and be tested as soon as possible. You should also stay at home if someone you live with or someone in your extended household has symptoms. The symptoms include:

- a high temperature or fever
- a new continuous cough
- a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

**Group Call Error**

It has come to my attention that a group call message regarding non-attendance was issued to all parents on Monday 2 November. This was a genuine error. We apologise for any distress this may have caused.

As always, I will provide you with any new information throughout the term.

Kind Regards

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