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Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid-19 Guidelines

Further to my letter of 30/10/20, I have been asked to bring the updated guidance issued by Scottish Government to your attention. Face coverings **must be worn by parents** (or their representatives) whenever they are dropping off or picking up children from school. This will include all areas within and around the perimeter of the school grounds.

As I stated on Friday, the positive impact that your support offers to help us to maintain a safe and orderly learning environment for everyone cannot be over stated. The difference you have helped make this week alone is significant. We have fewer young people failing to wear face coverings this week and we are making progress with those who continue to need reminders. Your support in helping us to address this is very much appreciated.

As Covid-19 continues its impact on our lives, I would like to provide reassurance around your child's education and absence from school due to Covid-19. The Scottish Government has introduced new codes that schools must use for all absences that are as a direct result of Covid-19. If your child is absent due to contracting Covid-19 or is required to self-isolate, their attendance summary will clearly show that this is in relation to Covid-19. It should not, therefore, impact on any senior phase pupils who may be considering starting work or completing their university applications.

It has been agreed that in the absence of Consultation Evenings, we will provide the facility to request further information from particular subject teachers where you feel more information would be useful to you. This is a new initiative that will have to be closely monitored to ensure it meets your needs and is sustainable for teachers. You can find more information at <http://bit.ly/CGSConsultationEvenings>.

Yours faithfully,



David Fyfe



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