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Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid19 Guidelines

As you are aware, we are operating our school under restricted and sometimes difficult conditions. It is not an easy environment for learners and staff and we are all working together to support each other to reduce risk as much as possible.

In addition to the new cleaning regime that is in place, we have hand sanitisers in all rooms and entry points to the school and we have chemical sprays for desks and chairs that are used at the start and end of every lesson.

One of the other ways in which we can work to protect each other is to ensure that **masks are worn as much as possible**. The Scottish Government guidelines state that learners should wear masks outside their classrooms. Updated today, these guidelines can be found at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-reducing-the-risks-in-schools>

Obviously, masks cannot be worn whilst eating and drinking. Masks must be worn at all other times, including intervals and lunchtimes when not eating and drinking.

Unfortunately, we have a minority of learners who are not observing this requirement and staff are having to constantly remind some individuals to put a covering over their nose and mouth. This is an additional and unnecessary source of stress and anxiety for all concerned.

I cannot overemphasise the positive impact that parental support has in helping us to maintain a safe and orderly learning environment for everyone. We need you to help us ensure that we protect all our young people and staff as much as we possibly can. **All learners should be coming to school with their own mask**. The disposable ones we provide are only for those who forget to bring their own. We need to work effectively with you to firmly reinforce the importance of wearing a mask and respecting the health and safety of everyone in the school. I will be writing to parents and carers of the small number of learners who are failing to respect the health and safety of everyone in the school and advising of the sanctions we have at our disposal to deal with this.

I am aware of a few learners who cannot, for medical reasons, wear a mask. You will find a tear off slip at the end of this letter to return if your child cannot wear a mask for medical reasons. It would be preferred if you emailed this to the school office rather than return a paper copy.



Related to health and safety is the use of chewing gum by some learners. Chewing gum is completely banned in Campbeltown Grammar School and has been for some time. **Chewing gum must not be brought into the building.** We have recently experienced unpleasant and potentially dangerous situations where chewing gum has been deposited under desks and chairs. This is totally unacceptable and failure to comply with the ban will result in consequences similar to those in place for failure to follow the rule around the wearing of masks.

Finally, I would advise you that in the interests of safety for all our young people, we intend to make some operational changes in relation to Covid19 that will impact upon the timing of our school lunchtimes. This will mean that, as of Monday 9 November 2020, Senior Phase (S4-6) will have lunch from 12.30pm to 1.15pm and Broad General Education (BGE S1-3) will have lunch from 1.15pm to 2.05pm.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss the content of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



David Fyfe

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM NEED TO WEAR A MASK

If your child is exempt from wearing a mask, please make us officially aware of this as a matter of urgency.

Please email enquiries.campbeltown@argyll-bute.gov.uk with your child's name, registration class and the reason for exemption.



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