



11th November 2020

COVID 19 Update – Changes due to Angus moving to Tier 3

Dear Parents and Carers

Many of you will be aware that the First Minister announced on 10th November that Angus will move to Tier 3 from Friday 13th November. This means that we are required to put in place some further enhanced measures in school. These are set out in the national Guidance on Reducing Risks from Covid 19 that was published on 30th October. Angus Council have also provided further guidance to schools.

The Tier 3 enhanced protective measures that all staff and pupils will be required to follow from Friday 13th November are as follows:

Face Coverings

- Face coverings should be worn in classrooms by staff and young people in the senior phase (S4-S6) (unless a pupil or member of staff is exempt)
- As an additional measure to keep everyone safe we will be strongly encouraging young people in S1-S3 to wear face coverings in class (unless exempt) and would ask for your help in supporting this
- Face coverings should be worn by all pupils (unless exempt) in all corridors and communal areas. This includes the year group pupil zones at break and lunchtime. Obviously face coverings can be removed for eating and drinking but must be put back on once the young person has finished eating or drinking.
- Face coverings must continue to be worn on school and public transport
- Face coverings must be worn in local shops at lunchtime
- Pupils do not need to wear face coverings when outside of the school building at break and lunchtime
- Pupils attending college link courses should wear a face covering on transport and while in classes at college. They should follow all college measures in place.
- Please encourage your child to remember their face covering each day. Please let us know if you have any difficulty in providing a face covering as we have a small supply for this purpose. Just contact your child's Pupil Care & Support teacher if this is the case
- We recognise that some people cannot wear a face covering for medical or other reasons and where this is the case parents have contacted the school to let us know their child is exempt. If you have not already done so and your child meets the criteria for exemption please contact the school to let us know

Children with Highest Clinical Risk

- At tier 3 parents and carers of children at highest clinical risk are advised to contact their GP or clinician to discuss whether their child should continue to attend school
- We will contact parents and carers of children at highest clinical risk to discuss this further

Existing Protective Factors

- All other protective factors that the school has in place will remain and continue to be important. These include hand sanitising routines, pupil work station wipe down routines, the one way system, staggered break and lunch times, dedicated year group pupil zones for break and lunch, increased ventilation in classrooms etc. These have been communicated to parents at the start of the session and in previous updates. They are all available on the school website.

We know that these measures are not easy. However, the vast majority of our pupils have understood the need for these measures and their role in ensuring everyone in the school community is as safe as possible. Hopefully, the more we all persevere with these measures the sooner we will be out of this and move towards getting back to normal.

We would ask again that you speak to your children about the importance of following these measures at all times. We will be sharing this new information with pupils before Friday. If we all continue to come together to keep our school community as safe as we can we will get through this.

Thank you again for your incredible continued support and understanding.

Take care.

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