



21st February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you following the publication of the latest Scottish Government COVID19 Guidance for schools. You can find the full guidance here :

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

There are 3 main changes to the mitigations we currently have in place. These changes will be introduced from **Monday 28th February 2022**. They are :

1. Face Coverings. From Monday 28th February face coverings are no longer required to be worn by pupils and staff in classrooms. Anyone who wishes to continue to wear a face covering in classes will be supported to do so. Face coverings must still be worn in corridors, communal areas such as our social spaces (unless eating and drinking) and in office and admin type areas. Please ensure your children continue to bring face coverings to school for when they are in these areas.
2. Assemblies / gatherings of over 50 pupils. From Monday 28th February the restriction of 50 pupils in groups will stop which means we will now be able to hold year group assemblies and bring bigger groups of pupils together for learning activities.
3. Transition visits. Transition visits and activities for P7 pupils prior to moving up to the school can now take place

While this is encouraging news and means the guidance in schools is becoming more in line with wider society we still need to remain cautious as we still are experiencing positive cases associated with the school. Many of our mitigations will continue to be in place. These include :

- Current procedures for the start of the day with pupils arriving at school from 8:40am
- Hand sanitising procedures at the start of the day and start/end of classes
- One way system around the school
- Split lunch and break time to minimise large numbers of pupils congregating
- Windows open in classes to maximise ventilation
- Distancing in place wherever possible

We are also encouraging all pupils and staff to self test at least twice a week and we still have plenty of supplies of LFD test kits that can be collected from the school.

If your child tests positive or is a close contact of a positive case the procedures are the same as the last update I provided. These are:

- If your child shows any of the symptoms they should not attend school and you should arrange for a PCR test for them
- If your child tests positive they must self isolate for 10 days and should not attend school. Please contact the school to let us know. However, if they test negative on day 6 and then day 7 following LFD tests they can end self isolation and return to school

- If your child is a close contact of a positive case (for example a positive case in the household) and is not displaying any symptoms they must self test each day for 7 days. Providing the test is negative each day they are not required to self isolate and can attend school. They do not need to take a PCR test

Once again thank you for your support of these mitigations. I'm not sure what version we are at now but thanks for keeping up to date with our communication so we can follow the latest advice to keep the school as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely

Kas Mohamed

Head Teacher