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Dear Young Person

I hope that this communication finds you well and I wished to write to you in response to the Scottish Government Tiered Approach and the announcement today that East Ayrshire Council will now be in Level 4.

We continue to be guided by the most recent guidance as undernoted:

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

The main changes that I would like to highlight to you are as follows, as we progress from level 3 to level 4.

- If you were previously shielding, your medical team will have a discussion with you as to whether it is safe to be in school. Your school will do everything it can to help with this.
- Due to our being in level 4, face coverings should continue to be worn by pupils in the senior phase (s4-6) in classrooms, subject to the existing exemptions
- Your Physical Education lessons will now unfortunately move back outside, however if the weather is poor, your school will take account of this.
- Unfortunately we also cannot hold any extra-curricular clubs or activities.
- Our staff continue have to wear face coverings in communal areas such as corridors, etc
- Our staff also have to wear face coverings in schools when in close contact with you

We absolutely know that this is an anxious time, but with a collective effort from us all, we can help drive this horrible virus down, especially before Christmas. Please continue to stick to the rules and keep yourselves and your families safe at this time.

With best regards,



**LINDA McAULAY-GRIFFITHS**  
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