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Parents / Guardians of children attending
St Joseph's Academy

Date Friday 20th November 2020
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Dear Parent / Guardian

NHS Ayrshire & Arran's Health Protection Team is conducting a contact tracing exercise in relation to a confirmed case of Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. The risk to pupils is very low.

Close contacts are being contacted by the NHS Ayrshire & Arran's Test and Protect Team and told to self-isolate at home for 14 days. If your child is contacted by our Test and Protect Team to let them know they are a close contact of somebody with COVID-19, they do not need a test, but must isolate for 14 days.

If you are not contacted by our Test and Protect Team, this means that your child has not been identified as a contact and therefore is not at increased risk.

We appreciate this is a very worrying time. However, we would like to assure you that every measure is being taken to protect pupils, their families and staff. You can find more information on NHS Inform at <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>.

We would like to remind people of the symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19):

- new cough;
- high temperature (37.8 or above);
- and / or loss of taste and smell.

Anyone who develops any of these symptoms should self-isolate immediately and contact NHS 24 on 111 or via their website <https://www.nhsinform.scot/> to book a test. If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms and they are ill or you are worried about their health you can also call NHS 24 on 111 for medical help.

It is important to note that if you have been in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case then you will still need to self-isolate for 14 days, regardless of the result of any test.

Everyone in Ayrshire and Arran is reminded to remember the **FACTS** guidance:

F – Face coverings. These should be used in shops and on public transport (buses, trains and taxis)

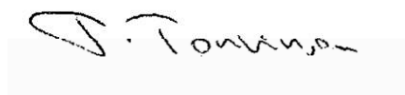
A – Avoid crowded places.

C – Clean your hands frequently, using water & soap whenever possible.

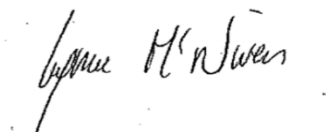
T – Two metres – observe physical distancing.

S – Self-isolate and book a test if you are suffering from COVID-19 symptoms.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Joy Tomlinson
Interim Director of Public Health
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Mrs Lynne McNiven
Interim Director of Public Health
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