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28th August 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

Face coverings required on School Transport from Monday 31st August 2020

New Guidance has been issued by the Scottish Government which states that children and young people aged 5 and over must wear a face covering when travelling on school transport from Monday 31st August 2020, in line with the current arrangements for public transport. Some individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings. Further information on exemptions can be found in wider Scottish Government guidance.

It is vital that clear instructions are given to children on how to put on, remove, store and dispose of face coverings, to avoid inadvertently increasing the risks of transmission and we ask that parents/carers discuss these key points with their child:

- Face coverings should not be shared with others.
- Before putting on or removing the face covering, hands should be cleaned by washing with soap and water or hand sanitiser. (Teachers will ensure children wash their hands at the end of the school day and put on their mask before leaving the classroom to board school transport.)
- Make sure the face covering is the right size to cover the nose, mouth and chin. Children should be taught how to wear the face covering properly, including not touching the front and not pulling it under the chin or into their mouth.
- When temporarily storing a face covering (e.g. during classes), it should be placed in a washable, sealed bag or container. Avoid placing it on surfaces, due to the possibility of contamination.
- Re-usable face coverings should be washed after each day of use in school at 60 degrees centigrade or in boiling water.
- Disposable face coverings must be disposed of safely and hygienically. Children and young people should be encouraged not to litter and to place their face coverings in the general waste bin.

Further general advice on face coverings is available [here](#) and the Scottish Government has a video on [how to make a simple face covering](#).

Thank you for your continued support

Kind regards

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