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Dear Parent/ Carer,

## Covid 19 Health & Safety

## **Face Coverings/ Masks**

Whilst the legal requirement to wear face coverings in most indoor places and on public transport ceases on the 18<sup>th</sup> April, the public health guidance remains that they should continue to be worn in schools and nurseries. In line with the <u>latest guidance</u> published by the Scottish Government, public health guidance remains that face coverings should continue to be worn <u>when moving around communal areas within the school building</u>. This will continue to apply to staff and pupils in secondary schools.

While face coverings will not be required in classrooms, including for learners in the senior phase sitting exams, pupils and staff will continue to be supported to wear them if they choose to do so.

Could we ask for your support in ensuring that your child continues to bring a face covering to school every day, which they should wear in the corridors and communal areas at social times.

# **Physical Distancing**

Pupils and staff should follow the wider societal guidance on physical distancing in schools or on dedicated school transport. As in wider society it will remain important to be cautious and exercise personal responsibility, recognising that, where possible, it is safer to keep a distance from other people.

#### **Asymptomatic Testing programme**

In line with the <u>Testing Transition Plan</u>, the advice for school staff and pupils to undertake <u>twice-weekly</u> asymptomatic LFD testing will no longer apply from 18 April 2022.

We will continue to adhere to our operational Risk Assessment protocols and practices and will continue to encourage hand and respiratory hygiene, enhanced cleaning and ventilation and CO2 monitoring in all areas of our school building.

### **S1** and **S2** Social Areas

Pupils in S1 and S2 will cease using the Sports Hall and Games Hall while pupils in S4/5/6 are on Study Leave. Pupils in S1 will return to the main social areas in the school building from Friday 22 April with S2 returning to the main social areas on Monday 25 April. We will review these arrangements on our return to a full timetable.

We look forward to a positive summer term ahead with further easing of restrictions and welcoming our parents back to school!

Kind regards,

C McCrea

**Depute Head Teacher**