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Dear Parents and Carers

Updated guidance for schools

On Friday 30th October, the Scottish Government updated its guidance for schools. We have placed the link on the Glasgow web-site within the Schools and Learning Section. It can be found here: <https://glasgow.gov.uk/article/25947/Recovery-Resilience-and-Reconnection-2020>

You can also find it here:

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

There is also the latest advice on children and transmission – it is available here:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-children-and-transmission/>

As you will already know, Glasgow has been placed at level 3 in the new five level approach from the government.

It remains the case that very good handwashing regimes, maintaining physical distancing (2 m, wherever possible) and good hygiene when coughing and sneezing are the best ways to reduce the risk of the virus spreading. Our schools and nurseries will continue to promote these along with other measures, such as maintaining class groupings, staggered breaks and lunchtimes, keeping doors and windows open to improve airflow.

The main changes for level 3 are:

- All staff and pupils in S4 to S6 should wear face coverings in class as well as in other areas of the school.
- Indoor PE is now permitted but the use of changing rooms should be avoided.
- All staff when working directly with children should wear a face covering and also when in corridors and other areas of the school.
- All parents/visitors to the school site should wear face coverings including when dropping off or picking up their children. You may wish to consider wearing a face covering if the drop-off/pick up areas are busy outside the school.

I would ask you to work with us positively to ensure that we can continue to keep our schools open. We all have a part to play.

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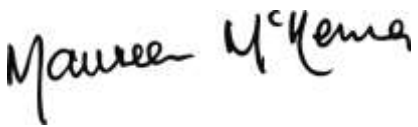
We know that some of this is very challenging but unless we all work together and keep ourselves safe then our children and young people are going to have their learning disrupted.

The schools worked hard last week to celebrate Hallowe'en without the usual parties and it was clear that the children had great fun - safely!

Please continue to keep safe at home - keeping to the rules of not mixing households, maintaining at least 2 metres distance when chatting and mixing with friends and neighbours and regularly washing your hands thoroughly using soap and water.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maureen McKenna". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a stylized 'K'.

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