



# EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Dear Parent/Carer

On behalf of all in Moray Education, I thank you for your continued support and encouragement on the return of children and young people to Schools since August. For some, this has been a staggered or phased start depending on needs and your Head Teacher or an appropriate member of staff will have kept you informed regarding this.

The Health and Safety of our children, young people and staff remains a priority and I would appreciate if you could reinforce the need for respectful relationships within your child's school as well as the importance of following safety requirements. In the main our children and young people across Moray are following the ever changing health and safety requirements as a result of COVID-19 and I greatly appreciate your support with this. Moray's children and young people are a credit to you and our communities.

Here is a reminder of key areas which we are continuing to develop within our schools:

- **Outdoor clothing** - As the weather turns more autumnal, please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for inclement weather
- **Break and Lunch Times** - Lunch times are particularly challenging due to promoting social distancing between adults and children as well as adhering to gathering limits. School buildings are being used to the maximum and children may choose to be outdoors at times during break and lunch
- **Covid-testing** – It would be really helpful for school planning purposes if you were able to share any information from Test and Protect regarding the outcome of testing and children's readiness to return to school. This will be treated with the greatest confidentiality and your support in this matter is greatly appreciated
- **Masks** – the Scottish Government released information this week that masks will be mandatory for all children travelling on school transport unless exempt. Secondary school pupils must keep face coverings on when in corridors, moving between classes and in communal areas (including toilets). We respectfully ask that you provide mask as required. There will be limited supplies for those who have forgotten their mask. If this causes you any difficulties, please contact your Head Teacher in the first instance.

As the weather has turned, we are seeing an increase in the number of children with coughs, runny noses, sore throats and other cold symptoms. If your child has a constant cough and or a high temperature or other COVID symptoms you will be contacted to collect them from school. This is the Public Health advice and so I would welcome your support that if your child displays any of these symptoms that they remain at home and you follow the advice of health professionals.

Many thanks once again for your continued support. Stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully

*Vivienne Cross*