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Dear Parents and Carers

Face Coverings in Scottish Secondary Schools – Monday 31 August 2020

I wanted to give you a brief update particularly about the announcement this week by the Scottish Government concerning face coverings in secondary schools.

From Monday 31 August the Scottish Government has recommended that face coverings should be worn in secondary schools at certain times.

Face coverings should be worn by staff and pupils when:

- adults and young people are moving about the school in corridors and confined communal areas (including toilets), where physical distancing is particularly difficult to maintain;
- adults, young people and children aged 5 and over travelling on dedicated school transport; young people should wash their hands before and after travelling on transport;
- young people will not be required to wear any face covering in a classroom setting – unless they want to;
- young people will not be required to wear any face covering in any area which is not a “confined communal area” including outside spaces – unless they want to.

I know that some of you will be worried about this development but be assured we do appreciate that some staff and young people will be unable to wear a face covering for good reasons and that position will be respected in Cardinal Newman High School.

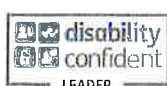
At the same time we want to encourage any young person who wishes to wear a face covering but has perhaps not done so until now – this could be the ideal time to start. We will support this.

From next Monday staff and pupils should ensure they:

- bring their own face coverings to school;
- store these safely in a washable, sealable bag or container when not in use;
- wash reusable face coverings in hot water at the end of each day; and
- safely and hygienically dispose of disposable face coverings after use.

Please remember that a face covering can be as simple as a scarf, snood or other piece of cloth which covers the nose and mouth.

We do have a supply of disposable face masks in case any young person arrives at school having forgotten their face covering.



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First Year Pupils – Lunchtime

We have noticed that some first year pupils are leaving school at lunchtime and going to the local shops, some of them crossing the very busy road at Bellziehill Roundabout. I am worried about this and have written to all first year parents asking for their support to ensure that first year children remain safely in school for lunch. I would ask parents of all year groups to encourage your child to remain in school, when possible, at lunchtime.

If any of your children are having problems using the new Fusion Mobile App to order and buy snacks and drinks please let us know.

First Weeks Back

Things have been going very smoothly since we started back almost 3 weeks ago. I know parents must have been concerned and a bit apprehensive as to how things would work out. It has certainly flown past, and teachers and young people are visibly happy to be back to a situation approaching normal. I hope you have been reassured and once again I want to thank you for your support in ensuring a safe and well organised return to school.

The young people in Cardinal Newman High School have been a credit to you.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this update please do not hesitate to contact us.

With every best wish

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Smith