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Dear Parent/Carer

The following information relating to face coverings on school transport has just been provided by North Lanarkshire Council.

***The Scottish Government have given updated guidance on the wearing of face coverings on dedicated school transport. From Monday 31 August face coverings should be worn by staff and pupils when adults, young people and children aged 5 and over are travelling on dedicated school transport. We appreciate that some staff and children and young people will be unable to wear a face covering for good reasons and that position will be respected.***

***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. Further information on face coverings is available from the Scottish Government website:***

***<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-preparing-start-newschool-term-august-2020-version-2/>***

***Full face covering guidance is available on this link:***

***<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-phase-3-staying-safe-andprotecting-others/pages/face-coverings>***

We are aware that many of our children already wear a face covering on school transport, and we would encourage all pupils to do the same from Monday. If your child is unable to wear a face covering on school transport for a specific reason, please let the school office know on Monday so that we can share this information with the bus companies.

Kind regards

Stepps Primary