**September Update**

**Dear Parent/Carer**

**Just a short update regarding events in school.**

**Firstly a very big thank you for all your support during these changing times. As government guidance changes and it affects us in school we will keep you informed. Although we do not have to, from Monday, we would ask you to wear a face mask if you come into the school grounds at any time i.e. to drop/pick up a child, collect something from the school office. If you do come to the school office please remain outside while a member of staff deals with your query. While this is not our normal practice, in doing so we are following North Lanarkshire Council guidance.**

**Although our children do not have to socially distance, as a staff we are still continuing where possible to keep children in their class groups. We will continue the staggered starts/finishes for classes for the foreseeable future. Many thanks for your continued support with this – we will continue to monitor numbers at each gate and urge parents/carers to ensure that they are socially distancing.**

**With regards school bags – we have had many requests from both the children and parents for children to bring their own bags to school. As you know the guidance on this changed over the summer, however, we kept our own plans so as to avoid the last minute cost of a school bag. Going forward children can now bring their bags to school or continue to use the one supplied by the school. Our arrangements for PE will remain the same at present. Children may bring a change of footwear on PE days.**

**Celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion – communication regarding both of these sacraments for children who missed out due to lockdown (our current P4 – Reconciliation and our current P5 – Communion) has been issued via the Church bulletin. If you have not accessed this please do not hesitate to contact me.**

**As always, if you have any concerns/questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of the senior management team.**

**Kind Regards**

**Elaine Johnston**

**Head Teacher**