

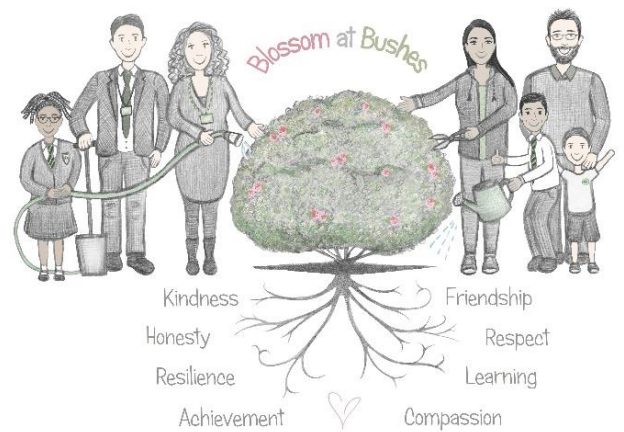
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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you know, the Scottish Government has now introduced a new tiered system of protection levels to help stop the spread of COVID-19, and Renfrewshire has been placed at Level 3. This means some extra guidance for schools to help keep everyone safe, and we've listed what that means for you below:

- currently, school staff keep a two-metre distance from pupils as normal practice, but staff will now wear a face covering wherever this is not possible. This will apply from Primary 2 and above. We are conscious of the impact of this on our pupils and will work with them to support them as effectively as we always do.
- all staff will wear face coverings in all communal areas of the school and have explained to our pupils why this is important.
- visitors, parents and carers should wear a face covering when entering the school building or playground and at pick-up and drop-off. We also ask parents and carers to wear a face covering at any busy pick-up or drop-off points outside school.
- the national guidance stipulates good airflow within school buildings is important to minimise spread of the virus. As we approach winter and colder weather, we will make sure classrooms are safe, warm and comfortable. However, we ask parents and carers please provide warm clothing, such as a jumper or fleece, in colder weather. Please contact the school directly if we can be of assistance with this.

All the above is in addition to the existing safety measures already in place, which follow the national guidance and are already of a very high standard. These include:

- thorough cleaning within the ELC Class and school, very good handwashing regimes, physical distancing between staff and between staff and pupils wherever possible; and good hygiene when catching coughs and sneezes.
- staggering ELC Class and school start/finish times, breaks and lunchtimes and good ventilation of buildings.

More information on what we are doing to keep schools safe is available on the council website, as is a guide to what to do if you suspect or have coronavirus.

We know the ongoing situation is very challenging for everyone, but we are doing all we can to keep everyone safe and maintain a welcoming and nurturing learning environment for pupils. The response from our pupils has been fantastic and we are all immensely proud of them. We are also extremely grateful to all of our parents and carers for your continued support.

If there is anything else you wish to discuss with us, please contact the school directly.

Yours sincerely,



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