



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

November 2020

Dear parents

Please see the information below for up to date Covid guidance for schools in Renfrewshire.

COVID-19 Update

As you know, the Scottish Government has now introduced a system of new 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:

Face Coverings

The Scottish Government has updated guidance for schools. This was published on the 30th October 2020. Our school staff have been wearing face coverings in all communal areas of the school and have explained to our pupils why this is important. For parents, carers and visitors to our school, the guidance now states:

"Face coverings should be worn by parents and other visitors to all school sites (whether entering the building or otherwise), including parents at drop-off and pick-up."

We appreciate that there are exemptions to this but if you can, please wear a face covering whilst on the school site including the front gate area at the start and end of the school day.

We would also like to remind parents and carers that all children should wear a face covering when travelling to and from school by school bus, unless they are exempt.

Physical Distancing

As the guidance states, from the Scottish Government, adults are required to maintain a 2-metre distance between other adults outwith their household. Could I please ask that you follow this guidance as much as possible at the school gate.

Ventilation

The national advice is good airflow within schools 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 SMT if you need assistance with this.

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

- thorough cleaning within the 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 - school start/finish times/breaks/lunchtimes and good ventilation of our school building.

We know the ongoing situation is very challenging for everyone, but we are doing all we can to keep our school safe and maintain a welcoming and nurturing learning environment for pupils.

PE Indoors

We are now allowed to have PE lessons indoors however we need to ensure that this is safe to do so. The school will be creating a Risk Assessment for this purpose to ensure that everyone feels safe, this will include a cleaning regime after each class has used the gym hall. Classes will continue to get one PE session outdoors every week, depending on weather, so please continue to send them with warm jackets and appropriate footwear. Thank you for your support with this.

In line with the government guidelines we will **NOT** be using the changing rooms therefore we ask that on your child's allocated days they come to school in appropriate clothing .