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Dear Parent/Carer,

November 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. Please read the additional Level 3 guidance below:

Physical Education

PE can now take place indoors, 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. Due to staggered breaks and lunches, we will only be able to have one class in the morning and one in the afternoon meaning for the children to receive their two hours of Physical Education one slot will be in the hall and the other will remain outdoors. On the days your child has PE, please send them to school wearing their PE clothes (suitable for the weather on the days your child is outdoors). The teaching staff will inform you of your child's PE days soon.

Physical Distancing

At this time school staff work to keep a two metre distance from pupils and other adults as normal practice. Staff will wear a face covering wherever this is not possible. Please note this will only apply to Primary 3 – Primary 7 pupils. We are conscious of the impact of this on our pupils - where children require additional support, we will identify a different approach which balances safety and quality of communication.

Face Coverings

For information, school staff wear face coverings in all communal areas of the school.

We ask that all parents/carers wear a face covering whilst on the school site, including drop-off or pick-up at the school gates.

Ventilation

National guidance states that good airflow within schools is important to minimise spread of the virus. As we approach winter and colder weather, we ask parents and carers to ensure that their child comes to school with warm clothing such as a jumper or fleece. Please contact the school directly if we can be of assistance with this.



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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 and lunchtimes, maintaining class groupings and good ventilation of buildings.

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 transport, unless they are exempt.

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.

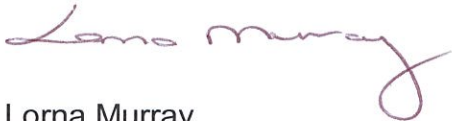
<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-schools>

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.

The response from our pupils has been fantastic and we cannot thank you and them enough for your continued support.

Please stay safe at home and follow the latest public health advice. If there is anything else you wish to discuss with us, please contact the school directly.

Kind regards,



Lorna Murray
Head Teacher

