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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you well. You will be aware that we have come a long way in terms of how we are able to deal with the Covid situation but we now find ourselves in a difficult position due to the arrival of the new variant- Omicron. This means we will need to return to fairly strict safety measures again including seating plans, face masks, sanitising, desk cleaning and no free movement around the school. I would appreciate if you could discuss the importance of this with your son/daughter as this is vitally important for the safety of our whole community.

If the new strain does arrive in school we will be back to having to identify close contacts and they will need to arrange tests and will need to self-isolate, regardless of the test result. Members of their family will also be required to arrange a test.

The expectation remains that pupils will wear uniform, but they should layer up as classrooms will have their windows open to ensure the air is able to flow and pupils will remain outside the school building during break and lunchtimes if they choose to leave. The PE changing rooms will be fully in use so please bring your PE kit on the allocated days to allow you to join in. Pupils can also bring pencil cases, books, jotters etc to school.

There have been a few staffing changes so if parents need to contact Guidance for any reason- here are the staff responsible for the houses.

**Mrs A Byers- Kyle house**  
**Mrs L Robson Butler- Galloway house**  
**Mr T Robertson- Carrick house**

As always, we look forward to a nice break at Christmas. As the SQA examinations diet remains in place we will be working hard in in the new year to prepare our pupils for their first ever exams that we are confident will continue to build upon the success of the previous year's activities. We would encourage you, as parents, to contact the school if you have any questions or queries or if, indeed, you want to share some success that your son/ daughter has had out of school.

Yours faithfully

*Laura Traynor*

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Head Teacher

**Respect**

**Ambition**

**Community**

**Compassion**

**Responsibility**

***Believe...Achieve***

