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Dear Parent/Carer

UPDATED GUIDANCE: FACE COVERINGS

The Scottish Government has issued new guidance to schools about the use of face coverings. **This will come into operation from Monday 31 August.** These measures are being put in place as precautions and are based on the latest scientific advice.

Face coverings are not generally required in classrooms or other learning environments. However, they should be worn in the following situations (except if a young person is exempt from wearing a covering due to their underlying medical condition or additional support need):

For children and young people 5 years and over

- **On school transport (this is now in line with the rules for public transport)**

Most children and young people will now have access to re-usable face coverings due to their increased use in wider society. Parents/carers should ensure their child has an appropriate face covering to wear on school transport to and from school each day.

In primary schools this guidance only applies to children using school transport. They are not required to wear face coverings at any other time.

Safe Use of Face Coverings

It is really important that young people know how to put on, remove, store and dispose of face coverings safely, to avoid inadvertently increasing the risks of transmission. Please go over these key points with your child. We will be reinforcing them regularly at school too.

- Face coverings should not be shared with others.
- Before putting on or removing the face covering, hands should be cleaned by washing with soap and water or hand sanitiser.
- The face covering should cover the nose, mouth and chin.
- They should not touch the front of the mask or pull it under the chin.
- When temporarily storing a face covering (e.g. during classes), it should be placed in a washable, sealed bag or container.
- Avoid placing the face covering on surfaces, due to the possibility of contamination.

- Re-usable face coverings should be washed after each day of use in school.
- Disposable face coverings must be disposed of safely and hygienically in a bin.

Once again, thank you for your support and for reinforcing these important health and safety measures with your child. Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding these new arrangements for school transport.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yvonne Templeton". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and legible.

Head Teacher