

Stranraer Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

You will know, that COVID cases are continuing to rise across Dumfries and Galloway. Understandly this is causing a level of anxiety among our parent body and among some young people.

I write to reassure you that, contrary to rumour and speculation, the number of positive cases in Stranraer Academy is low; currently 3%. The risk to young people therefore remains low: I would encourage you to continue to send your child to school during this time. Please be advised that we are following all Scottish Government guidelines with regards to the health and safety of our community, therefore I would ask you please to continue to support the school by ensuring your child/children comes to school wearing a face covering and remind them of the importance of keeping this on when inside the building. Also, all young people should be carrying out a lateral flow test twice weekly. These two simple measures are helping to keep our school community safe.

Staff Absence

Unfortunately, we have had a higher than average level of staff absence due to COVID related issues; this means that your child may not have had their usual class teacher on one or more occasions, as a consequence, learning and teaching has been affected in some subject areas.

Our staff are working very hard in challenging circumstances to ensure that the school can remain open as we are all agreed that young people learn best when they are at school rather than at home. Our priority is the health and safety of our community and we wish all of our young people, their family and friends good health.

Please know that we are working hard to ensure that our young people are safe.

Yours sincerely

Alicia Reid
Head Teacher