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Dear Parent/Carer,

Covid-19

While the rest of the country seems to be over the worst of the pandemic, Stranraer Academy is experiencing a peak of infection and resulting isolation. We are working hard to maintain learning with the next two weeks being particularly challenging. You will be aware of schools having to send home year-groups or indeed close entirely. We are confident we will not close and asking a year group to stay at home, even for a short period, will be a last resort. Your support in encouraging pupils to test regularly is appreciated.

You will be aware that guidance around the wearing of facemasks is changing at the end of the month. Pupils who wish to continue wearing face coverings are welcome to do so and all pupils should still be doing so in corridors for the time being. I would also ask for your support in protecting our vulnerable pupils and colleagues who may ask pupils to continue to wear masks in certain classrooms. This is of course voluntary.

Study Leave and New Term:

In line with most other schools in the authority, our new term will begin on 6 June 2022. Study leave will begin on 3 May 2022. There are some exams scheduled for before this date and pupils sitting these exams are entitled to the day before and of the exam as leave.

Easter School:

Planning around Easter School provision is being finalised. Easter School will run during the first week of the Easter Holidays and includes most subject areas. English and Maths support will be available every day.

Online revision material for all certificated courses can be found at: [Senior Phase Resources – The West Partnership](https://www.westpartnership.co.uk/west-os/senior-phase-resources/) - <https://www.westpartnership.co.uk/west-os/senior-phase-resources/>

S2 Parents' Evening:

Unfortunately, in-person parents' evenings are still not allowed under covid mitigations. Parents of S2 pupils can arrange a telephone appointment throughout the week beginning 28 February. Pupil appointment sheets will be issued on Monday 21 February. Pupils are receiving various support in school regarding their option choices. Further information regarding S2 options will be issued over the next few weeks. As always, parents should feel confident in contacting the school with any questions.

S4-6 Reports and Options:

Senior reports and option information will be issued week beginning 14 March.

Mobile Phone Use in Class:

I would respectfully ask for parents' support in not contacting pupils during class time via their mobile phones. The school office can always be contacted in an emergency.

Interval – 10.50 – 11.05

Lunch – 12.55 – 1.35

Twitter:

The school website is regularly updated, and the school Twitter feed is continually updated with the latest information.

@StranraerAcad

As I write to you, Storm Eunice has arrived and forced all our nearly 1000 pupils to shelter inside. A great opportunity to spend time with our young people who have behaved in the calm and mature manner we expect all day, despite the high winds.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Farquhar
Headteacher