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Dear Parent / Carer

This letter is to provide further detail regarding this week's whole-school focus and to seek your views on improvement planning for next session.

Parent Consultation:

We are keen to hear your views on our proposed improvement priorities. Please complete the following survey and thank you in advance for your feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/r/6muQ5TFUy1>

Whole School Focus:

As detailed in my last letter, we focussed on uniform and toilet use last week. I have been very impressed by the overall standard of uniform and the immediate response from pupils who needed to adjust their presentation. I know that parents will have been instrumental in pupils displaying consistently high standards and those that have made changes this week, thank you.

Our focus on toilet use has been equally successful with a clear shift in behaviour.

This week, while maintaining our refreshed standard of uniform and toilet use, we will be looking at attendance and smoking / vaping on school grounds.

Smoking on School Grounds:

This is simply not permitted. School staff will regularly patrol the school grounds and inform parents of any pupils found to be smoking or vaping and agree appropriate consequences.

Attendance:

Attendance at school has been affected by the pandemic in recent years. We are looking forward from this point, hopeful that our pupils will be in good health.

Our expectation is that most pupils will have attendance above 95%. Even 90% attendance means missing a day of school every two weeks.

We will also be monitoring attendance through the school day closely and will inform parents if there are any discrepancies.

Focus Overview:

W/b – 2 May – Uniform and Toilet Use

W/b – 9 May – Attendance and Smoking on School Grounds

W/b – 16 May – Phone Use and Ambition

W/b – 23 May – Bullying/Respect and Behaviour – ‘A learning Classroom’

W/b – 30 May – Recognition of success through HT, Year-Head and PT letters home, assemblies etc.


In other news my congratulations to Ms Sara Fingleton who has been appointed as Principal Teacher Pupil Support and to Mr Gary Davidson who will be leaving us in the summer to a new position at Lockerbie Academy.

I have been delighted by the positive feedback from our P7 pupils as they begin their transition activities. I look forward to welcoming all our new intake over the next few weeks.

I will continue to provide more detail on the areas of focus in subsequent weeks. I am confident that this approach will continue Stranraer Academy’s improvement journey and begin the new school year in a positive manner, especially after such a positive response this week.

My sincere thanks for your support and to our pupils for their cooperation.

Yours sincerely



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Head Teacher (Acting)