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Dear Parent/Carer,

## COVID 19 – Update

The new term has started well and I am pleased to report that we have seen a significant increase in the number of young people wearing face coverings in social areas of the school. This is helping to keep our community safe.

As we move forward; I would ask you to continue to support our work by ensuring that your child/children comes to school with their own face covering as requested by Dumfries and Galloway Council. Disappointingly, there remains a small number of young people who have to be provided with masks on a daily basis and reminded to wear them. It is really important that everyone plays their part.

On dry days, young people are being instructed to go outside after lunch in order to get fresh air. This is in compliance with Scottish Government and NHS advice.

## Ventilation

We have been advised to ensure that classrooms and teaching areas are well ventilated which means opening windows. Now that winter is upon us, this therefore means colder rooms. I would therefore ask your child/children comes to school in full uniform including blazer, to protect them from the cold.

## Tier 2

As Dumfries and Galloway is in Tier 2 of restrictions, there is currently no requirement for young people to wear face coverings during class time. They may, however, do so at their own discretion.

## **Support**

I would like to take this opportunity, once again, to thank you for your continued support and to commend those young people who are fully compliant with our expectations: their strength of character and adherence to the guidelines is helping keep our school community safe.

As a school community, we appreciate that these are challenging times and coming to school, for some young people, may cause anxiety and/or distress. Should your child, or indeed your family, feel anxious about anything COVID related, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pupil Support Teacher.

## **Heating/Hot Water**

As you know, the school had to be closed mid-morning yesterday (Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November). This was because of a faulty boiler which left the school without heating or hot water. I am pleased to tell you that this was addressed quickly thus enabling the school to re-open today.

## **Fire Alarm**

The fire alarm was activated genuinely today due to a build up of steam in Home Economics – not through malicious intent.

## **Coming Up**

Very soon, we will be running an after school club where young people will learn to design and make their own mask. These will have a Christmas theme and could be for personal use or given as a gift at Christmas gift. This enterprising activity will run for an hour after school. More details to follow.

Assessment and Reporting dates will be issued to you week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

Yours sincerely,



Alicia Reid  
Head Teacher