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Dear Parent/Carer

UPDATED COVID PROCEDURES – NOVEMBER 2020

We are continuing to regularly review our Covid procedures. As you will know, the Scottish Government updated its guidance for schools on Friday. South Ayrshire has been placed in Tier 3 which means there are extra protective measures for schools. We have most of the new measures in place already and I shared them with you last week. They can also be found on the school website for your information.

Face Coverings

The main additional measure is that **all staff and pupils should wear a face covering in classrooms during lessons if they are in S4, S5 or S6.**

Our Senior Phase pupils have been exemplary so far this week, wearing masks with no fuss and getting on with their learning. I would like to thank them for their responsible attitudes and for setting a good example to the rest of the school.

If any pupils in S1 to S3 wish to wear a mask in class, we would encourage that.

Ventilation

The updated guidance also reinforces the importance of ventilation. Fresh air limits the spread of the virus. We have been keeping windows and doors open to encourage the flow of fresh air. As the weather gets colder, I would advise that young people wear appropriate clothing to ensure they are warm enough during lessons.

Physical Distancing

We continue to reinforce the importance of physical distancing in social areas with our young people. They are advised to stay in their group (no more than 8) and not crowd together. We are introducing designated areas to help with this now that the weather is getting worse. In the morning before the bell goes, pupils should go to the following areas if the weather is bad.

- S1 dining hall
- S2 games hall
- S3 crush area

S4, S5 and S6 should not arrive before 8.55am. If this is unavoidable, they should stay outside or go to the assembly hall if the weather is bad.

I would like to emphasise what a fantastic job the majority of our young people are doing. They wear face coverings with no fuss, sanitise their working spaces and try hard to stick to their group and minimise contact with others. I know this is a challenging time for them and we appreciate the way they are demonstrating the school values by acting responsibly.

Thank you one again for your support. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you wish to discuss any of our measures. Take care everyone.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Byrne', written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Mary Byrne
Head Teacher