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Dear Parent/Carer,

UPDATE ON COVID-19 MEASURES IN SCHOOL

As you know, the Scottish Government has now introduced a system of new protection levels to help stop the spread of COVID-19, and Renfrewshire has been placed at Level 3. This means some extra guidance for schools to help keep everyone safe, and we've listed what that means for you below:

- We can now resume indoor PE for pupils however we will still be using our outdoor facilities in order to accommodate a variety of activities. Please come prepared for cold weather with a change of clothes and towel if wet. The PE department have a new delivery of t-shirts for purchase, more details to follow.
- Currently, school staff keep a two-metre distance from pupils as normal practice, but staff will now wear a face covering wherever this is not possible. We are conscious of the impact of this on our pupils - where children require additional support, we will identify a different approach which balances safety and quality of communication.
- School staff will wear face coverings in all communal areas of the school and we have explained to our pupils why this is important.
- Entrance to the school is by prior appointment only. Visitors, parents and carers should wear a face covering when entering the school or playground and at pick-up and drop-off. We also ask you wear a face covering at any busy pick-up or drop-off points outside school.
- The national advice is good airflow within schools is important to minimise spread of the virus. As we approach winter and colder weather, we will make sure classrooms are safe, warm and comfortable. However, we ask parents and carers please provide warm clothing, such as a jumper or fleece, in colder weather. Please contact the school directly if we can be of assistance with this.

All of the above is in addition to the existing safety measures in our school, which follow the national guidance and are already of a very high standard. These include:

- thorough cleaning within the school
- very good handsanitising regimes
- mask wearing in communal areas for all
- physical distancing between staff and between staff and pupils wherever possible
- separate entrances and outdoor space for S1 to S3 and S4 to S6

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- staggered break and lunch times
- good hygiene when catching coughs and sneezes.
- maintaining class groupings S1 and S2 where possible
- good ventilation of buildings.

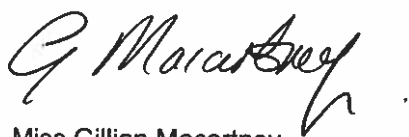
We would also like to remind parents and carers that all children should wear a face covering when travelling to and from school by school bus, unless they are exempt. And as you know, all pupils in S4-6 should now wear a face covering in class and all pupils must wear face coverings on entry to the building, moving around and in all communal areas including the canteen.

More information on what we are doing to keep schools safe is available on the council website, as is a guide to what to do if you suspect or have coronavirus.

We know the ongoing situation is very challenging for everyone, but we are doing all we can to keep our school safe, and maintain a welcoming and nurturing learning environment for pupils. The response from our pupils has been fantastic and we cannot thank you and them enough for your continued support.

Please stay safe at home and follow the latest public health advice. If there is anything else you wish to discuss with us, please contact the school directly.

Yours sincerely



Miss Gillian Macartney
Head Teacher