

Parent Update

22 April 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your family had a good Easter. As always it was lovely to see our students return this week and in more positive circumstances than we've had for the past couple of years. Today is the final day in school before the SQA exams start for S4-S6 students and I wish each of them the very best of luck in the coming weeks and hope to see their hard work pay off.

Changes to Covid Restrictions

As within wider society, face coverings in school are now an advisory in communal areas. We will still have masks available for any student who wishes one and all are welcome to wear a mask in class or around the school if they wish to do so. There are no restrictions on social distancing for students, however staff are still asked to be 'distance aware' and remain 1 m from others.

Good hygiene will continue to be promoted and we will be encouraging students to make use of the hand sanitisers and hand washing facilities around the school. The strong emphasis on good ventilation will also continue, with windows and doors remaining open where possible.

The lifting of further restrictions allows us to once again look forward to the fun activities that we have previously been able to do in the summer term, including school trips and activity days. We are now in the process of organising these and will get information about these to students and parents over the coming weeks.

The new guidance also allows us to have a more normal transition programme for P7 students, including inviting their parents into the school to meet staff and have a look at some of our facilities. We have very much missed having the opportunity to meet with parents in person and are looking forward to getting back to this. Given that a number of you have not yet had the chance to be in the school building, we will be holding an open evening later this term for this and will get further information to you nearer the time.

Estimate Grades

Senior phase students received letters yesterday giving information on the estimate grades submitted to SQA for each of their subjects. If you have any questions about these, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bleach at the school.

I hope that you and your family remain safe and well.

Pauline Allison

Head teacher

Reminder of Covid 19 Protocols

As you are aware, with the return of our pupils and staff to school, we have put procedures in to place that support all members of the school community if anyone displays symptoms of Covid 19.

A reminder that the symptoms are:

- High temperature or fever
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste

If a pupil displays symptoms, we will contact you to collect your child (please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details). **Pupils over the age of 16 may return home themselves.** The pupil should, if possible, wear a face covering en route and avoid public transport.

You will be asked to follow Test and Protect protocols, including booking a PCR test for your child and contacting the school when the result comes through to you.

If anyone within your household tests positive for Covid 19, please follow the most up to date Scottish Government guidance with regards to self-isolation and testing. If your child is then unable to come to school, report their absence and the reason for this by calling PSA in the morning.