



27th August 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank you for your continued support. Now, more than ever, it is crucial that we work together to ensure that our pupils' safety and wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do. As part of this correspondence, I have included a summary of the Campus measures currently in place and I would like to reassure you that we are in constant review of emerging updates from North Ayrshire Council and the Scottish Government.

COVID-19 information

As you will imagine at this time, our Campus is taking many proactive and precautionary actions to maximise the safety of all our pupils and staff.

In line with National Guidance, we will continue to act on information as we receive it. In the event of a positive case our Campus will work closely with the Local Authority and Public Health Scotland as they trigger their National *Test, Trace, Isolate* approach.

We are extremely grateful to all of our parents and carers for keeping us up-to-date with their own personal circumstances regarding these matters as your swift communication also ensures that we are in the best place to take rapid and appropriate action.

Ongoing Daily Procedures

We continue to encourage all of our young people to maintain a safe distance from others at all times and have set out learning spaces and dining areas in the safest way possible. In addition to this, a reminder that we have:

- Introduced a one way system
- Reinforced hand sanitising routines
- Removed most of our school bells to stagger pupil movement
- Rezoned our dining areas and outside playgrounds so that pupils are in year group bubbles wherever possible
- Identified hatches at interval and lunchtime for certain year groups to access, one year group at a time
- Increased staff presence during interval and lunchtime
- Restricted the number of pupils at each lunch table
- Asked pupils to wipe down any seated area they have used and (unless we face extreme weather conditions) remain outside once they have eaten their lunch
- Allocated sheltered areas for year groups to access at interval and lunch time should we face extreme weather conditions. Please ensure, as ever, that pupils come to school with suitable clothing at such times.

Face coverings

Following the First Minister's update on 25th August, we ask that our secondary pupils wear face coverings in all of our inside communal areas. These include:

- Stair wells, corridors, dining spaces (except when eating or drinking) and any other open indoor areas on Campus.
- School transport.

As has been the case so far, pupils can continue to wear face coverings in other places around our Campus if this gives them increased confidence. Our Local Authority is working in conjunction with us to provide a supply of face coverings for those unable to access their own.

We will continue to monitor guidelines as they develop and review our procedures so that our current practices best meet the needs of Campus pupils and staff during this challenging time.

As a Campus, we have been incredibly impressed by how the vast majority of our young people have risen to meet challenges brought about by these considerable changes to their school day. While we have all of the necessary procedures in place, it is your child's willingness to take ownership of this new way of working that helps us all stay as safe as possible.

Parent Pay

A reminder that we are now a cashless Campus and that the Parent Pay system we use for all pupils to purchase lunches (including those eligible for free meals) can only be activated by visiting the following site:

<https://www.parentpay.com/>

For any questions you may have, please email Parent Pay directly using the following address:

parentpayqueries@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Pick Ups and Drop Offs

We would like to thank all of our secondary parents and carers who are already using the designated car park for drop off and pick ups at the back of the Campus on Caledonia Road. Any secondary parent picking up or dropping of their child from our Campus must use this car park. Whilst we understand that this is possibly less convenient, the reinforcement of this **procedure is part of our** COVID strategy to minimise risk to our Campus community.

If you wish to keep up-to-date with the latest Scottish Government Guidelines for schools visit:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-preparing-start-new-school-term-august-2020-version-2/>

Many thanks again on behalf of our Campus staff for working with us to make sure that our pupils are able to return to school and progress with their learning.

Yours sincerely,



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