



Dear Parent / Carer,

Parent Council Chair Note

Following the parent council meeting this week, I'd like to update and request assistance from all parents and carers in relation to some matters that were discussed.

1. As the omicron variant of COVID begins to subside, I'd like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of their young people wearing face coverings in schools. Mr Millar advised us that there are several young people continually either removing their covering or not wearing it properly, thus increasing the chances of COVID spreading to fellow students and staff of the school. Which leads to lost learning or staff absence because of isolation rules. Not to mention disturbance to lessons by staff requiring to remind students to comply with rules. Please remind your young people of the importance of wearing face coverings in school, shops and on buses.
2. On a similar note, lateral flow tests prior to coming to school would also aid with the spread of COVID to classmates and staff, to proactively stop the spread.
3. The school have requested more bins be placed on Perth Road by the environment service, pupils' cooperation in using bins give a good image of the school in the community, please ask your young person to cooperate with the schools' efforts in this regard.
4. Can I extend a thank you to the staff for the efforts they are making in maintain learning and teaching during these difficult and unprecedented times for the benefit of our young people?
5. The next Parent council Meeting will be on Tuesday 1st March, why not come along, where members of the Schools Leadership Team will keep parents updated on important matters. A link to join the meeting remotely will be shared in advance via the school's newsletter or contact the school to be added to the mailing list.

Murray McLeod
Parent Council Chair

Lateral Flow Test Kits

This morning, the House Teams distributed Lateral Flow Kits to those young people who wished to take them.

Progress Reports

Progress reports are due to be issued for all young people in S3 at the start of next week, and the S3 Virtual Parent Contact Evening will be held on Tuesday 1st February. Please note that due higher levels of staff absence at the start of this term, there may be some gaps in information in your young person's report.

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Senior Phase Formal Assessments

Our Main Formal Assessment Block commences next week on Thursday 27th January and will run until Wednesday 2nd February. All young people should possess a copy of their Formal Assessment Timetable, copies were also emailed to all families and young people at the start of this week.

Young people are reminded that they should arrive at school in good time in advance of their assessments. The library will be available for any young person who wishes to engage in private study in advance of their assessment.

The school canteen will remain open during Senior Lunchtime for those who wish to access it. Young people are also able to pre-order their lunches for collection if their assessment takes place during Senior lunchtime; pre-order forms can be collected from the school office.

All young people must wear school uniform when attending school for their formal assessments.

Study Leave

To support young people involved in our Formal Assessments, **study leave has been granted to any young person who is currently studying towards at least one National 5, Higher or Advanced Higher course.** Study leaves runs from Thursday 27th January and will run until Wednesday 2nd February inclusive and young people are expected to attend school as normal from Thursday 3rd February.

Any young person who is currently studying towards National 3 and National 4 courses only are still expected to attend school as normal where they will continue to follow their timetable and work towards their courses.

Any young person who is currently enrolled for a college course is still **expected to attend college in the afternoon unless they have a formal assessment taking place at that time.** The provision of transportation to college will remain unchanged during study leave.