

Wallace Hall Update – 10.09.20 - COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

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Dear Parent/Carer

Whole School

Following the announcement recently by Scottish government introducing the enhanced measure of the wearing of face coverings by secondary pupils and staff in corridors and all communal areas in school, the majority of people have adhered to the message. However, there are a few pupils who are not consistently wearing their masks when moving around the school. We have a small number of pupils who are exempt from wearing a face covering and those pupils are now going to be issued with a lanyard saying they are exempt. They must carry the lanyard in school. If they don't have a lanyard then they are expected to wear a face covering. If your child(ren) is exempt from wearing a face covering please email our school email address to give your written consent to them not wearing one. Otherwise, please ensure your child leaves home with their face covering each morning.

Testing for COVID-19 and Self-Isolating

Please remember that if your child(ren) are off school because they, or a member of your household, is being tested for COVID-19, you must let the school know of the result at the earliest opportunity, and at least **BEFORE** they return to school.

Safe Route to School

We would like to remind all parents/carers about the importance of all children using the identified safe route to school at the beginning and end of the day. Please stress to your child/children that they must only cross the roads leading to school with the appropriate crossing patrol person. Crossing without an adult's supervision at the old Primary School building on Station Road is not suggested by the school as this is not the designated safe crossing. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult to support them to be safe on their journey to and from school.

Wearing of face coverings on public/school transport and in shops

All pupils, over the age of 5 **must** wear a face covering when travelling on either public or school transport. They **must** also wear face coverings when they are both queuing to get in, and inside any shops. Please ensure that your child(ren) has an appropriate face covering and explain that there are vulnerable people around who may be at a higher risk if they were to catch the COVID 19 virus. Anyone with breathing difficulties or another medical reason for not wearing a mask is exempt. Please let us know if this is the case for your child(ren).

Phase 2 Risk Assessment – Re-opening of Schools

An updated copy of the full risk assessment will be uploaded to our website each Monday. This is a working document and we welcome any feedback from parents on this. If you have any concerns regarding the health & safety of your children, please do get in touch with us via the school email

addresses. We will be reviewing it on a weekly basis for the foreseeable and will upload a copy of the updated version (along with the date) to the website each week.