

Wallace Hall Update – 12.11.20 - COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Primary email address: gw08officewallacehal@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

Academy email address: gw08officewallace@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

Public Health Phone Number: 01387 272724

NHS24 Phone Number: 111

NHS Website: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/>

Dear Parent/Carer

Whole School

The First Minister announced on Tuesday that Dumfries & Galloway will remain in level 2 for the next week. She did say that she hoped that those regions in level 2 will be moved down to level 1 in the not too distant future. However, she added that she is still concerned about rising cases in our region.

Having now had our first positive case in Wallace Hall we have thoroughly reviewed our Phase 2 Risk Assessment and are now being more careful than ever. Please discuss the need for everyone to follow the rules with you child(ren) and support us in our aim to keep everyone in the school and in our community safe.

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.

We would really appreciate it if you could keep us informed of any testing or test result, whether for our pupil or someone in their household.

Ventilation in School Buildings

Following the information we sent out before the holidays regarding the need for windows to be open in classrooms, we would like to remind you to ensure your child(ren) brings a warm jumper which they will be allowed to wear in class when it is cold. However, school uniform must still be worn.

Cold Weather Arrangements

Unless the weather is very wet we will always be encouraging pupils to spend as much time outdoors as possible before school, during break and lunchtime. Please ensure that your child(ren) have warm jackets to wear.

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, including school minibuses. 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 has been uploaded to our website. You can view the document by clicking on the following link:

[Phase 2 Risk Assessment - Updated 10-11-20](#)

If a warning appears, please select 'Allow' and the document will open.

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 and will upload a copy of the updated version (along with the date) to the website when changes are made.

PRIMARY

Following changes to government guidance, there are a number of additional measures that we need to implement to keep everyone safe. Our school is a place of learning and a place of work and it is important that we look after the whole school community.

Drop off and pick-up:

Face coverings are now required to be worn at drop-off and pick-up by parents/carers unless they are exempt. Thank you to those of you who have been wearing face coverings consistently, particularly over the past week. If you haven't been wearing a face covering, please do so when dropping off/picking up your child(ren), unless of course you are exempt from wearing one.

Social Distancing outside the Primary and ELC

The social distancing markers have now been completed outside the ELC entrance and the Primary gate. Please adhere to the markers and keep your distance from other families and wear a face covering.