

## Wallace Hall Update – 10.02.22 - COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

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Dear Parent/Carer

## WHOLE SCHOOL

There is nothing significant to share with parents from Scottish Government this week although there are signs that some restrictions will be lifted in schools in the near future. We are awaiting further guidance on this and will, of course, share with you when we can.

Once again, can we please ask you to ensure that all test results are being registered on the Scottish Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

We would appreciate it if all parents could ensure their children are following the mitigations to help protect themselves and others.

We have removed the generic advice from this email but it can now be found on our website on a separate document. You can access it by clicking on the following link:

[https://www.wallacehall.co.uk/files/ugd/92da19\\_fc7e6d47615047cba5ad29b78e5eca17.pdf](https://www.wallacehall.co.uk/files/ugd/92da19_fc7e6d47615047cba5ad29b78e5eca17.pdf)

We hope that everyone enjoys their short break and look forward to seeing pupils back in school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

### Testing and Isolation

Last week, following clarity on the advice on coming out of isolation, we have unfortunately given you the wrong information. We sincerely apologise for this. We are now certain that the following advice is correct:

- You can come out of isolation AFTER testing negative on Day 6 and Day 7, at least 24 hours apart (all results must be recorded on the website whether they are positive, negative or void), so your first day out of isolation would be Day 8.
- If you continue to test positive up to Day 10, then your first day out of isolation would be Day 11.
- You should not take an LFD test before Day 6 of your self-isolation period.
- You should only end self-isolation after 2 negative LFD test results in a row. After you have 2 negative test results in a row, you should stop daily testing and restart testing twice a week, and testing before you socialise or travel in Scotland.

## **ACADEMY**

### **Physical Education**

Pupils are reminded that they should continue to wear full school uniform every morning, regardless if they have PE period 1. Pupils are only allowed to leave the PE department in their PE kit if they are timetabled in the subject last period of the day. Face coverings should continue to be worn in all areas of the PE department including changing rooms, in line with current government guidance. The only exception to this is when they are participating within their working area.

### **Breakfast Club**

The breakfast club is running once again. Young people can access tea and toast every morning in the Hub, from 8.30 am onwards. Hope to see you there.

### **Parents' Evenings – next steps**

Following a trial with online parents' evenings for the S2 and S3 year groups we gathered feedback from parents and staff. As a result, the following actions will be taken in future:

- Parents' Evenings to continue to be held online while Covid restrictions are in place. Parents appreciated the opportunity to get feedback on their child's learning and progression. The next one will be for S1 parents which will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May.
- When Covid restrictions are lifted, we will most likely return to in-person parents' evenings.
- If we hold online parents' evenings in future, consideration will be given to how we can accommodate longer appointments provided this can be done in concurrence with employment conditions of our staff.
- We will consider continuing to use the online booking system for parents for in-person parents' evenings. This will allow parents to have control over the appointments they are booking and reduce the need for appointments to be made by pupils on paper.