

Parent Update

23 April 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to have all of our students back in the building together this week. They have been incredibly responsible and respectful of one another in wearing face coverings and regularly cleaning their hands. The good weather has made it much easier for us to encourage students to be outside as much as possible at break and lunch, as well as ensuring windows are open in classrooms to keep the rooms well ventilated.

Senior Phase Assessments

This is an understandably busy and anxious time for many students as they continue to work through assessments. I don't think any of us will ever forget the nerves we were faced with when sitting examinations at a similar stage of school and the volume of work we had to put into studying (usually just as the weather turned warm!), but our young people are in a very unique position this year because of the disruption caused by the pandemic. Should you have any concerns over your child's well-being at this time, please encourage them to speak to their Head of House or Head of Year so that we can help them.

Parent Zone have produced some helpful advice for parents on how to support their children in their studies. These can be accessed via the link below:

https://www.education.gov.scot/parentzone/learning-at-home/supporting-study/?dm_i=LQE,7C7JL,20M6R2,TS00F,1

Lateral Flow Devices

Any student who wishes to use the Covid home test kits can still do so by completing the consent form via the link below and collecting the kits from the school reception office at morning break. Anyone who has already returned a consent form can collect additional kits from reception at break, there is no need to complete further consent forms.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKcCaRwS7xGxBneKkd9aaxTBUQUtaUDlwVVBPTVNCUTA0QT11VDVSRlhVUy4u>

I hope that you and your families have a good weekend and remain safe and well.

Pauline Allison
Head Teacher

Reminder of Covid 19 Protocols

As you are aware, with the return of our pupils and staff to school, we have put procedures in to place that support all members of the school community if anyone displays symptoms of Covid 19.

A reminder that the symptoms are:

- High temperature or fever
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste

If a pupil displays symptoms, we will contact you to collect your child (please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details). **Pupils over the age of 16 may return home themselves.** The pupil should, if possible, wear a face covering en route and avoid public transport.

You will be asked to follow Test and Protect and we will provide you with a copy of the Test and Protect Leaflet and Step by Step Guide when your child is collected.

Information on the groups of children within the school, **and on school transport**, and the adults that each group of children come in to contact with will be collected. This is to fulfil legal responsibilities for public health and will allow Test and Protect to contact appropriate people in the event of a positive test result.

If anyone within your household tests positive for Covid 19, please do not send your child to school. Report their absence and the reason for this by calling PSA in the morning.