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Children's Services

Dear Parents / Carers

UPDATE NO. 3

I am delighted to report another positive week. Pupils have continued to respond very well to our new COVID arrangements. It is clear to see that they are enjoying being back in the building and continuing with their education.

COVID Reminder

Your child **should not report** to school if they or any member of your household, or someone they have been in direct contact with have any of these symptoms:

The most common symptoms are :

- a new continuous cough
- fever/high temperature (37.8C or greater)
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-general-advice>

Return to school should only happen when there has been a negative test result.

Face Coverings

From Monday 31st August, the Scottish Government's directive is that pupils should wear a face covering at certain times to help prevent the spread of the virus.

Pupils should bring their own face covering on a daily basis.

On Friday 28th August, in preparation for this introduction, pupils were provided with information and key facts through a virtual assembly.

A summary of school arrangements

Pupils should wear their face covering when:

- On school transport
- Entering the building in the morning
- In corridors when moving around the school
- At interval and lunchtime when in designated indoor areas (after eating)
- When leaving the school building at the end of the day

Exceptions to these changes apply to any pupils who cannot wear face coverings due to breathing difficulties, certain disabilities, or complex additional support needs. Pupils will be reminded there will be exemptions and all children should be treated equally and with respect.

Physical Education

Lessons will continue to be outside in line with government guidance. Please ensure your child has the appropriate outerwear.

Health and Safety

A staff group has been established to discuss our new arrangements on a weekly basis.

Parent Council

Any parent interested in joining should contact Stephen McGee (Parent Council Chair) stmcgee@sky.com or the school office stbenedictshighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

I hope you are reassured by the precautions we have put in place. I am available if you have any queries.



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