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Children's Services

Dear Parents / Carers

### **UPDATE NO. 8**

As you will be aware, the Scottish Government has now confirmed details of the new protection level system to help stop the spread of coronavirus. Renfrewshire has been placed in Level 3.

This brings with it some extra protection measures for schools. The main changes relate to the use of face coverings from Monday 2 November.

### **Face Coverings**

A summary of present 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

### **In addition, from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

- **S4-6 pupils are required to wear a face covering in class. This change will also apply to teaching staff.**
- **Parents or visitors entering school premises (building or playground), including drop-off or pick-up, are required to wear a face covering.**

Exceptions apply to any pupils (and staff/parents/visitors) 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**

Staff now have the option to conduct pupil lessons within the school building. Specific guidance has been issued regarding the types of activities allowed.

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## **Reporting**

Monitoring and Tracking of your child's progress helps us to ensure your child can achieve their potential and is therefore a very important part of his/her education.

In previous sessions the reporting of this would have been shared as follows:

1. A full written report detailing your child's strengths and areas for development within each subject of study.
2. Tracking reports (x3) detailing levels of achievement and ratings for effort, behavior and homework.
3. A parent - teacher meeting with an opportunity for a verbal report.

Due to COVID, our approaches to reporting have to be adapted. As a result of not being able to accommodate parents into the school building the parents' meetings will be replaced by a 2<sup>nd</sup> full written report initially.

We are currently developing an online system which would enable a virtual parents' meeting. I am hoping this could be in place for the second half of the session.

As part of our monitoring and tracking system, your child will be involved in regular discussions with staff to identify strengths, areas for development and next steps. Please discuss these reports with your child.

If you have any issues you wish to discuss further please contact your child's pastoral care teacher or year group Depute Head Teacher.

Your child will be issued with a letter this week detailing specific dates of communication across the session.

## **Study Support 2020**

A programme of online classes for our senior pupils is now available through

<http://www.e-sgoil.com/studysupport2020/>

I would strongly encourage senior pupils to engage at this stage.

For updates please follow our twitter account @stbenedictsren and website [www.oraetlabora.co.uk](http://www.oraetlabora.co.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.



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