

Parents and Carers

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Dear Parents and Carers

Important Information

This is the first of two updates about our management of the ongoing COVID pandemic and the guidance in place in our schools. Some of the information is very familiar but we are aware that there is so much information at large, that a reminder may be useful. Other information is included following concerns highlighted to us by colleagues in health.

In this update I am asking for your help and support to manage the spread of the virus both to keep numbers down as national restrictions ease and because of concerns that the newly introduced variants may be spreading quickly.

Please

- Do not send your child to school if they are symptomatic
- **If your child is asked to self-isolate, please remember that this means they should stay at home for 10 days and must not attend any other clubs etc.**
- **If your child is at secondary school, encourage them to take the LFT tests**
 - **where positive to isolate and**
 - **complete a follow up PCR test**
- Ensure FACTS are followed at all times:
 - Face Coverings
 - Avoid Crowds – especially at drop off and pick up times
 - Clean hands
 - Two metres distancing – for adults especially at drop off and pick up times
 - Self-isolate (if symptoms/and/or positive for Covid-19)

The second update, which will follow within a few days, will be in reference to the newly revised Scottish Government Guidance for Schools and will contain information about, among other things, transitions, PE and sport. I will write out to you as soon as we have discussed the new arrangements with Headteachers.

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Thank you once more for your support and please do get in touch if you want to discuss anything. Your Headteacher is the first point of contact, but I can also be contacted if required.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lorna French". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of "Lorna" and "French" being capitalized and prominent.

Lorna French

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