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Dear Parent/Carer

As ever I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

I would like to just highlight to everyone the difficulties the two Elgin secondary's have been experiencing regarding positive COVID-19 cases. As a result I would like to take this opportunity to encourage as many of you to take up the opportunity for your young person to be part of the self-testing programme if they are not already. This is another layer of protection which adds to the safety and wellbeing of everyone at Speyside High School and their families. Do not hesitate to call me if you would like to discuss this any further.

I would like to thank all young people for their vigilance in terms of hand sanitising, use of the one way system and wearing face coverings. By far the majority of young people have been following these and all our other COVID-19 safety guidelines.

As we move out of lockdown from Monday 26 April it is vital that all these mitigations are maintained to the highest of standards possible.

We still have to be very careful about who is able to come in to the school building. With this in mind I would ask that it is only in an urgent situation or as a pre-arrangement that parents or carers visit the school building. Thank you all in advance for your support in this.

Senior Phase Assessments – General

These have started this week and will continue into next week. Again I would like to thank all young people for how they have managed themselves in these exams and to those who are not taking them how well they have behaved around the school.

Senior Phase Assessments

With this letter I have also attached the booklet that all Senior Phase young people have been issued. All young people are asked to complete this for each subject in collaboration with their teachers to ensure they know their current grades and where and how improvements can be made. Again please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

All teachers are working very hard to ensure formal assessments are happening in an organised and supportive way. We are all working hard to support young people through this difficult time and again if you have any worries about these please contact the school.

We hope to run yoga for relaxation for Senior Phase pupils in the near future once lockdown rules start to relax slightly, this we hope will add another layer of support to young people at these tricky times.

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Is your child going through a difficult, stressful or challenging time? Counselling can help them to explore what is troubling them, and help them see things more clearly, or from a different perspective. It can help them find their own best way through difficult times and improve their resilience and wellbeing. If your child would like to book an appointment, or find out a bit more about what this might involve, they should speak to their Guidance Teacher or Miss Boyd. This service is open to all pupils (S1-S6).

S3 - Scottish National Standardised Assessments

Over the next few weeks your child will be involved in the Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA) as part of the National Improvement Framework. S3 young people take three SNSA assessments: one in reading, one in writing and one in numeracy. Mr Naples-Campbell will be sending out a more detailed letter concerning the assessments later next week.

Yours faithfully

Mrs P Goodbrand
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