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Dear Parent/Carer

As ever I hope this letter finds you all safe and well. The past week or so has seen a considerable and worrying increase in COVID-19 positivity rates in Moray. I would like to thank everyone for their continued support in implementing safety mitigations at school, and ask that you remind your children/young people of them and their importance.

These are:

- Maintaining the one way system.
- Using designated toilets, social areas and entrances.
- Being outside as much as possible during breaks and lunches.
- Hand sanitising on entering or leaving the building and classrooms, and before and after eating.
- Wearing face coverings at all times unless exempt.
- Maintaining social distancing of 2m wherever possible.

Can I please also ask you to remind your children/young people of the need to behave in an appropriately COVID-19 safe way whilst out at lunchtimes.

Can I please extend a further request that any visits to the school only occur in extreme emergency situations or with a prior arrangement. Under no circumstances should anyone be entering the building whilst showing any of the COVID-19 symptoms or whilst awaiting a test result. I thank you in advance for your continued support to keep everyone safe at this time.

Lateral Flow Self-Testing Programme

I am pleased to say that overall we have had a good uptake on the NHS Lateral Flow Self-Testing Programme and I would like to thank you all for your support with this. I would be grateful if you could help further support us by supervising your young person when they are completing their test and ensuring that they are being logged correctly online. To maintain reliability NHS have asked that a photo is taken of the most recent test in case of track and trace.

Young people who already have consent are able to collect test kits on a Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime from the reception area. If your young person has not signed up yet but would like to please use the links below to provide consent, young people aged 16 and over are able to provide consent for themselves.

S1→S3 Consent:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKR2W3bBDMs5GpFSnJ_rt2PtUMk01SzNHR0QwRTEwMVRRTeg3VFU1M1BJTi4u

S4→S6 Consent:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKR2W3bBDMs5GpFSnJ_rt2PtUM0ozUIVZTTkwOE5CVjFQS0xNMzRVWjlCNC4u

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Staffing Updates

Mr Craig McConnell has been appointed as our new Principal Teacher of RMPS and Citizenship and we are delighted to welcome Craig who currently teaches at Lasswade High School. Mr McConnell will replace Mrs Irving who has now retired.

Mr Keith Hay has been appointed as Principal Teacher of English starting in August. We look forward to Keith joining us in August, he currently teaches at Buckie Community High School. This position has arisen due to Mrs Williamson's (current PT English) retirement in August.

Ms Emily Berry has been appointed as permanent PE teacher and will join us in August, she currently teaches at Nairn Academy.

Mr McRitchie in the PE Department will leave us to take up a full-time Guidance position at Elgin High School on 19 May.

Mrs McBean will not be returning to the Biology department of Speyside High School following her secondment to Keith Grammar School – we are in the process of appointing a replacement.

School Meals

I am pleased to be able to let you know that our School Meals Service now has a pre order app which offers the facility to order school lunches via an electronic device. Further information about this will be issued to young people on Monday morning and they will also receive their unique personal code which will allow them to set up their account. The pre order app provides the facility for young people to order their food, view orders and check their balance.

Pupil Success

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Brodie Bain in S6 who under difficult COVID-19 restrictions regarding music passed her ABRSM Grade 6 Flute Exam. Well done Brodie.

Yours faithfully

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