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Dear Parents/Carers

A very warm welcome back to you all and your families for session 2021/22. I hope you have all managed to enjoy the summer break and the fairly good weather we have had.

You will be aware that as far as schools are concerned little if nothing has changed in terms of mitigations to maintain Covid Safety.

This means that designated entrances and areas for breaks and lunch remain in place, staggered lunch breaks, one way system, hand sanitising and face masks are to be maintained. We await further instruction from the Scottish Government as to when things may change any further in schools. The 2m advice between adults and young people is still expected.

Young people are still expected to carry out a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) twice a week – and we would particularly expect that a LFT is completed before returning to school on Tuesday 17 August.

We are delighted to welcome a number of new colleagues to the school.

Mr Keith Hay will start as Principal Teacher of English, Ms Carrie McWilliam will continue as permanent English Teacher after successful completion of her Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT) year at Speyside, Ms Emily Berry as full-time PE Teacher and we are pleased to welcome back Ms Claire Buchanan as 0.6 Biology Teacher. We have three NQTs joining us also; Roderick France Maths Department, Neil Murray Geography Department and Molly McGregor PE Department. We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Helen Duffy back as Depute Head Teacher working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays after maternity leave.

There are a number of positions to be filled in the new session and you will be kept up to date with new appointments as they arise.

Personally, I will not be returning to school on 16 August as I have to attend ARI for a minor procedure. All being well I intend to be back around 30 August.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind everyone of school uniform and our expectations of young people to be wearing this:

1. White shirt with school tie and black jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt/black jumper with school logo

OR

2. White polo shirt with black jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt/black jumper with school logo

AND

**Option 1/.**



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Option 1 or 2 along with: black trousers/skirt/shorts **and** black shoes

School ties are required for formal events, e.g. school concerts, photographs, etc.

If you would like guidance or support for school uniform do not hesitate to contact your Guidance teacher who will be able to give you details about Moray School Bank who can help with uniform needs. I would also encourage anyone who feels Free School Meals would be appropriate and of benefit to please visit <https://www.morayschoolbank.org/> to investigate further.

Yours faithfully

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