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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you as we get to the end of the second week of the new school year and at this stage I am delighted at how well our new S1 and all of our other young people have settled in.

Unfortunately I am not able to return to school as quickly as I had hoped but should be back in school in September.

COVID-19 Mitigations

As COVID-19 cases rise again we all need to do everything we can to ensure our community stay safe and healthy. I am very impressed by how well most of our young people take responsibility in wearing masks correctly, follow our one way system and sanitise their hands on entry and exit of the school building and classrooms.

If we do have a positive case in school we will inform parents by letter and ask that you inform us if your young person tests positive. Also, please note the following Scottish Government advice for our young people if they are identified by Test and Protect as close contacts of positive cases:

- self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test. They should continue to self-isolate while awaiting their results;
- if the test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate in line with NHS guidance. This states that they should remain at home and should not go to school.
- if they need support, and cannot get this from friends or family, the National Assistance Helpline is there to help and can be reached on 0800 111 4000;
- if the test is negative, and the child or young person remains without symptoms, they may end self-isolation and resume their daily lives (including returning to school), even if they have ongoing contact with the index case (e.g. a household member).
- Close contacts should remain vigilant and if symptoms newly develop at any time, they must follow NHS guidance and self-isolate immediately.
- If an under 18 close contact has had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days, they do not need to do another PCR test to be exempt from self-isolation provided they remain asymptomatic.

Our young people should continue to do twice weekly lateral flow tests on a Sunday and a Wednesday and these tests can be collected from school on a Tuesday or Thursday at the following times:

S1/S2/S3: 12.45→1.10pm

S4/S5/S6:

1.30→2.00pm

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School Uniform

We are delighted to see so many of our young people wearing school uniform but ask that all of our learners wear the correct dress code and note that tracksuit bottoms are not acceptable school dress. 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 for assistance with uniform needs. I would also encourage anyone who feels a Clothing Grant/Free School Meals would be appropriate and of benefit to please visit

http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_55486.html.

Home Learning

S1 pupils were introduced to Show My Homework/Satchel One this week and issued with learner and parent codes to access the website and app. All homework is recorded on Show my Homework and parents/carers can see the homework their young person has. All other pupils should have access to Show My Homework but if anyone has problems logging on they should see Mr Picksley.

Pupils should also be able to log into Glow and S3 to S6 pupils will be given their login details for Scholar soon if they do not already have them. Again, contact Mr Picksley or speak to your teachers if any help is required accessing these platforms.

Social Media

Social media is often used to discuss issues in school and the wider community. Can I ask that if you have any concerns about school, please in the first instance contact ourselves. The best way to support our young people is to work together directly in partnership.

Yours faithfully

Mrs P Goodbrand
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