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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new term. I hope you were all able to have some relaxation over the October holidays. It is lovely to be back with everyone again and I am delighted to see all the young people and colleagues returning for the new term.

COVID-19

COVID-19 continues to determine our plans, and unfortunately we have not seen the easing of mitigations in school as we had possibly hoped for. Therefore, mask wearing, one way systems, hand sanitising and LFD testing twice a week, etc. all remains in place. More now than ever as we move into winter it is vital that we all work together to maintain our Health and Safety.

Please ensure that you have LFD testing kits and if not please ensure your young person collects these from school on a Tuesday or Thursday at lunchtime as previously detailed.

COP26

As you will be aware this conference is taking place in Glasgow next week. I am delighted to say that Speyside High School is being extensively represented in this. Work done by our pupils has been reproduced for a book of celebrations that will be presented to the First Minister. We also have a group of young people attending a virtual conference to take part in simulated discussions whilst representing a nation. Thank you to the Geography department for taking this forward.

KEITH COMMUNITY RADIO (KCR)

During the October holidays a group of Speyside pupils took part in a broadcast on KCR, discussing their hopes and plans for the future. They also discussed what they enjoyed about SHS, thank you to them and the English Department for taking this forward.

NEIGHBOURS

Unfortunately this week I have been contacted by a few of our neighbours in relation to behaviours out with school at lunch times that do not reflect the high standards and values we hold at Speyside High School. All contacts noted how until this week they had always been impressed with the behaviour and attitude of our young people. I must add that these situations only reflect the behaviour of a very small number of our young people.

Can I ask that you take a little time to discuss this with your young person and highlight the continued need for maintaining positive relationships within our community?

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I am pleased to see a huge improvement in uniform worn by young people this week. Thank you to everyone for their efforts related to this.

I do believe that as this is a place of work and somewhere we should all be proud to be, uniform should be worn with pride to reflect this. Please note it is perfectly acceptable for young people to wear joggers if they have PE first thing, but they are expected to change into school trousers after this.

If anyone has concerns about the cost of school uniform please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss this with your Guidance Teacher.

Yours faithfully

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