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Dear Parent/Carer

Parent Council

Please find attached a letter of invitation and an agenda to our Parent Council AGM that takes place virtually from 7pm on Tuesday 14 September. The Parent Council is a way that you can support Speyside High and be part of its improvement journey. I look forward to seeing some new faces as well as some familiar faces next week.

COVID 19

This week has seen cases rise across Moray and this had some impact in our school though Public Health continue to report that their evidence shows that schools are not generally where transmission occurs. We continue to be cleaning surfaces between classes and we have a cleaner in during the school day. Our pupils are mostly very good at ensuring hands are sanitised and masks are worn correctly and we commend those young people. Please also note the following statement from public health.

Public Health Advice

Due to the increasing number of cases currently in Grampian the health protection team are also asking people with extended symptoms to immediately book a PCR test via <http://www.nhsinform.scot> or call 01224 558 494 if you cannot get online. When booking a test due to these symptoms online, individuals should select the "My local council or health protection team have asked me to get a test" option. While to individual experiencing any of these extended symptoms should self-isolate until the test result is returned there is no need for the rest of the individual's household to self-isolate.

Extended symptoms include:

- General weakness
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Diarrhoea
- Muscle pain
- Dry productive cough

Cost of the School Day

Speyside High School is committed to reducing and removing financial barriers to learning so that every young person has the opportunity to make the most of their time at school. Kirsty Campbell, a Cost of the School Day practitioner, will be working with us (week commencing 20 September) to identify any cost barriers and support us to find solutions to reduce the impact of these. Kirsty will be speaking to a number of young people and members of staff, and we are also keen to get the views of as many parents/carers as possible. We would, therefore, be grateful if you could take the time to complete the Cost of the School Day survey by Friday 24 September: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CoSDSecondaryKC>. Further information about the project can be found in the attached letter.

Yours faithfully

Mr E Picksley

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