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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well. It has been brilliant to have our young people back over the last week and I wish to thank you for supporting our work to make the transition back to school as safe and effective as possible. I am writing to update on one or two aspects of school life and to remind our school community of some key information.

Symptoms of Covid-19 / Quarantine

Can I remind you that where any young person or member of their household is presenting symptoms of Covid-19, **you should not send your child to school**. Please follow national guidance and let us know by telephone of the situation. Young people in these circumstances should only return to school when it is safe to do so as identified via Health Protection Scotland and government advice.

Where someone has been in a country currently on the UK/Scottish Government quarantine list, it is imperative that the government advice is adhered to. Again, **please do not send any young person into school** when they should be adhering to quarantine rules. These rules help to keep everyone safe.

School Uniform

Along with our Parent Council, I have been working very hard to ensure that the standard of uniform in All Saints' is excellent, without exception. Can I thank all parents/carers for your outstanding support of these efforts to date. Wearing full school uniform really benefits our young people, our community and improves standards in our school overall. Please do all you can to make sure your child comes to school wearing their full school uniform. I have noted a significant increase in the wearing of our blazers across this week and a phasing out of coloured shoes/trainers, as young people have been reminded of the importance of this. We have a quantity of blazers available in school and I understand that our uniform provider has reduced the price of a blazer to £21. I anticipate all young people, in every year group, to be wearing full uniform every day as soon as possible.

<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/all-saints-secondary-school.html>



Learning,
Motivation,
Success

If there is any reason why any parent/carer is unable to purchase a blazer for their child, please get in touch with us as we are more than happy to offer support.

All Saints' should be a school where all young people come to school dressed for success, wearing our full uniform. I need the support of each and every parent/carer to make this happen and I would urge you to reinforce the importance of this with your child. Please don't hesitate to get in touch should you wish to discuss this.

Changes to School Lunchtimes, from Monday, 24th August

We have monitored the flow of young people across our school and through our social spaces across these first 5-6 days of full attendance. Whilst we have been delighted with our young people's positive response to all the mitigations we have put in place, including using designated zones within our Fuelzone, we feel that we can mitigate further to support social distancing at certain pinch points. This is particularly apparent at lunchtimes and when the weather isn't on our side.

As such, we have taken the decision to split our lunchtime provision as follows:

S1, S2 and S3 – will have their lunch from 12:25pm-1:10pm

S4, S5 and S6 – will have their lunch from 1:10pm- 1:55pm

To do this, we have shifted our traditional period 5 lesson for S1-S3 until 1:10pm. As such, they will now be in class learning during the traditional lunchtime period. This does not impact in any way on our provision for meals in school, lunch will simply be earlier. This simple change means that during any lunch period, there will be a huge reduction in the number of young people in the shared social space. We will consider further mitigations once we have reviewed the impact of this small change.

BACS Payments – Purchasing Food

Cordia (who manage our school meal provision) are operating a **cashless** system at present. This means that any child wishing to *purchase* food from the Fuelzone in any Glasgow school, in the morning or at lunch-time, must do so using a pre-paid credit. This is arranged via a BACS transfer from their parent/carer's bank account into our school account. Details of how to set this up were issued last week to all parents; we are more than happy to help if there are issues around this. Please get in touch.

If you have yet to set this up, I would encourage you to provide your child with a packed-lunch/snack that they can have at interval and/or lunch-time.

Wearing of Masks in School

Current national advice states that there is no requirement for school-aged children to wear masks *in school*; although young people and staff are welcome to do so if they wish. Rules for public transport (not school buses) and local shops will be in line with government advice.

Parents/Visitors to our school

I would ask that **parents/carers do not enter the school estate** without prior appointment; where parents/carers are dropping off their child, I would ask that you do so away from the school building/gates. We are working hard to control the flow of people into our building in line with government advice. If you need to speak to someone regarding your child, please telephone our school office or get in touch with their Pupil Support Teacher or Head of Year in the usual way. If you are visiting the school, please note that **all visitors** to our school are asked to complete a 'Covid 19 Screening Questionnaire' – these are available at the school office.

Thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if I can be of any further assistance.

Kind regards,

Brian McDermott

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