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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope my letter finds you and your families well. I am writing with a couple of updates and pieces of information.

Covid-19 Mitigations: Face Coverings / Assemblies

The most recent update from the Scottish Government, issued on the 17th of February, has pointed to another tweak or two to the current mitigations in school, **with effect from 28th February**, as follows:

- Pupils and staff in secondary schools are no longer required to wear face coverings **in classrooms**.
- The restrictions on whole year group assemblies have now been removed.

In terms of face coverings, these things remain:

- Face coverings should continue to be worn by secondary pupils and all adults in indoor communal areas (i.e. outside of classes in corridors etc.)
- Face covering should continue to be worn in classrooms by adults where they are unable to keep physical distance from other adults/children

This means that young people should continue to bring their masks to school each day. We will continue to provide masks as back-up where this is required, but the responsibility is on the young person to ensure they come to school equipped.

There are further changes pending, in line with the Scottish Government's timeline, and I will update on these in a school context as soon as I can.

iPads

We are in year one of a Digital Learning Strategy in All Saints', through which we are building on our use of digital technology – a necessity during the Covid-19 lockdowns – to ensure that all staff are equipped to support and enhance learning through digital strategies. We are also supporting young people to improve their digital literacy.

As such, it is imperative that your child brings their iPad to school, fully charged, each and every day.

The use of digital technology in all learning environments is increasing all the time and the lack of an iPad may hinder your child's engagement in their learning.

Can I ask that you make a point of checking each morning (or the night before) that your child has packed their charged iPads prior to coming to school. This will really help and improve their learning experience, and it's only going to get better as it becomes an ever more integral part of learning in our school.

Uniform

Thank you again for your continued support of our uniform policy in All Saints'. The vast majority of young people attend school each and every day in full uniform. This really supports our inclusive and learning-focused ethos; the young people's engagement in this, with your support, has been brilliant. This is really appreciated.

We will shortly (scheduled pre-Easter holidays) be receiving additional stock of school jumpers, which we will distribute where required; your child can speak to their Pupil Support teacher to request a jumper if they need one at that time. We also anticipate a further delivery post-Easter which we will retain until the new term. **These will be provided free of charge to young people.**

Blazers are being worn by the vast majority of young people every day and our uniform standards are very good.

The standards have dropped very slightly in recent weeks due to the cold weather and young people being permitted to wear their jackets in classes due to Covid-19 mitigations – there is no issue with this, and common sense applies; however, it remains the expectation that young people will wear their blazers in school both now and in the years to come.

We have been in contact with the uniform company around plans for next year and more information around sizing and purchase of blazers for session 2022-2023 will follow soon.

Health and Wellbeing Census

You will have heard or noted in recent weeks some discussion in the national media around the Scottish Government's HWB Census for young people. I will write to you again soon with further details around this.

Glasgow City Council schools are utilising this census and so there will be an opportunity for your child to complete it; however, at least 10 days in advance of the young people in All Saints' doing so, you will receive information about this survey and a consent form, whereby you can indicate whether you wish your child to be removed from this process.

More information to follow but please get in touch with the school if you have any questions at this stage.

Parents' Evenings

It remains the case that we can not hold parents' evenings in school in the traditional way. As per my letter earlier this month, we will continue to offer all parents a telephone communication with key staff to discuss their child's learning and wellbeing. Remember, you need not wait until a scheduled parents' night for this – you are welcome to request this at any time(s).

As always, if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's learning or wellbeing, please don't hesitate to get in touch with their Pupil Support Teacher, Head of Year or I. We are always happy to help.

I wish you and your families a very pleasant weekend.

Regards,

Brian McDermott
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