## GOODLYBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

## PARENT COMMUNICATION - 1.11.20 - FACE COVERINGS

On Friday (30<sup>th</sup> October 2020) we received Guidance from the Scottish Government in relation to reducing the risks from COVID-19 in schools. This guidance can be found <u>HERE</u>

This week we will work to ensure that the changes reflected in this document are updated in our risk assessment.

A key piece of information that I must share with you prior to Monday, is the increased measures on the use of face coverings.

## Therefore, from tomorrow – MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER:

<ul> <li>If you are a PUPIL at GOODLYBURN:</li> <li>You do not need to wear a face covering but are permitted to do so if you wish</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>If you are a PARENT/CARER:</li> <li>You must continue to keep 2 metre physical distancing with all other adults who are out-with your household</li> <li>A face covering should be worn at the school gates (please do avoid gathering here) *</li> <li>A face covering should always be worn in the school grounds*</li> <li>Further guidance on best practice with face coverings can be found <u>HERE</u></li> <li>*We recognise that some individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings and there are ways to ensure this is understood by all.</li> </ul>

As a SCHOOL STAFF we will wear a face covering:
<ul> <li>Wherever a 2m distance from other adults and/or children cannot be achieved</li> <li>At all times when: moving around the school in corridors; in office and admin areas; in the staffroom (except when dining) and in other confined communal areas (including toilets)</li> <li>When supporting a child directly and when engaging in face-to-face contacts with them. However, we will consider the use of opaque face coverings to balance the well-being and needs of individuals</li> </ul>
In our Nursery, P1 and P2 classrooms we follow the guidance for Early Learning and Childcare. This guidance is slightly different as there is a recognition that it is not appropriate or possible to implement physical distancing between young children or between a young child and their key worker.
<ul> <li>In summary, the updated guidance states that in Nursery P1/P2 face coverings <u>are not required when</u> working directly with children, including being less than 2m. This includes when staff are working in the classrooms/ nursery; when supporting children to move around the building or when supporting with toileting.</li> <li>Adults in these areas however, <u>must maintain a 2m</u> distance from other adults when working together with groups of children or wear a face covering when this is not possible.</li> </ul>

We are grateful for your support as we implement these updates to our risk assessment.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch should you have any concerns: <u>Goodlyburn@pkc.gov.uk</u>

Yours sincerely Annemarie Sands Head Teacher