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Parent/Carer

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the First Minister's update to the Scottish Parliament on Tuesday 10 November 2020, Perth & Kinross Council will move into Level 3 restrictions as from Friday 13 November 2020 which means further measures are required in our school.

The Scottish Government's **guidance** on enhanced protective measures includes the required use of face coverings for **S4-S6 pupils and staff in classrooms**, as well as when moving around the school. Perth & Kinross Council and Perth Academy also ask **all pupils in S1-S3** to consider wearing a face covering in class.

The use of face coverings will continue to apply where adults, children and young people are travelling on dedicated school transport. While there are currently restrictions in place over parental access to the school, face coverings should also continue to be worn by any visitors (including parents and carers) on school grounds, including the playground.

It is understood that there will be some staff and young people who cannot wear a face covering for good reasons and that position will be respected.

Following this most recent change in guidance we have communicated with all young people currently on our exemption list to update our records. I ask that if you would like your child to be noted as exempt from wearing a face covering in school that you make this request by email to perthacademy@pkc.gov.uk or call the school office on 10738 458000, giving in general terms, the reason for this request.

Pupils should ensure they:

- bring their own face coverings to school;
- store these safely in a washable, sealable bag or container when not in use;
- wash reusable face coverings in hot water at the end of each day; and
- safely and hygienically dispose of disposable face coverings after use.

Please remember that a face covering can be as simple as a scarf, snood or other piece of cloth to cover the nose and mouth.

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19.

Do:

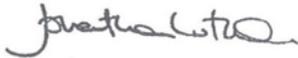
- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

Please visit the NHS Inform website for all the latest advice and updates about coronavirus in Scotland: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>

Further general information for parents/carers is also available on Perth & Kinross Council's website: www.pkc.gov.uk/coronavirus/schools

I would ask for your support to promote these changes to your child(ren) and young people to comply with the new restrictions and follow all measures we have in place to keep our school safe and open.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Lothian
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