



30 October 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance on reducing the risks in schools

Enhanced and targeted protection in school as we move into Tier 3

Dear Parents and carers,

You may already be aware that the following enhanced protective measures will apply in school from Monday 2nd November 2020.

These measures, in line with current Scottish Government guidance, have been designed to enhance protection in areas where evidence suggests there may be higher potential risks as Covid 19 prevalence increases.

- All staff and senior phase pupils (S4 to S6) should wear a face covering in classrooms during lessons.
- Parents or guardians should discuss with their GP or clinician whether children with the highest clinical risk should still attend school.

Having consulted today with staff, groups of pupils across all year groups and the Parent Council, I have taken to decision that the need to wear a face covering in class during lessons, should also apply to pupils in S1-S3.

The rationale for this decision is as follows:

- Clarity of message
- This measure further reduces the risk of infection
- Would increase feelings of personal protection and safety
- S1-S3 should have masks with them anyway
- Community solidarity. We are, staff and pupils alike, all in this Covid crisis together
- We are collectively responsible for protecting one another
- To encourage social responsibility

I look for your support in ensuring your child (S1 to S6) complies with this additional health and safety measure.

Of course, pupils who, for health reasons are exempt, should continue to take responsibility to bring in and show their exemption card, if questioned by staff or by fellow pupils. These measures are in addition to, not instead of, the protective measures currently operating in the school. This includes, regular hand sanitising, the wearing of face coverings in the corridors and social areas, the cleaning of desks and equipment after use, and enhanced cleaning throughout the day across the school.

Our priority remains to support our pupils and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff and the wider Braeview community during this highly challenging time. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support in all matters of a health and safety nature.

Ms L Elder
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