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Dear Parent / Carer,

Yesterday updated national guidance was released by the Scottish Government in light of the increasing number of cases of the Omicron variant of Covid 19. The list of changes of mitigations is outlined below and I would be grateful if you could discuss these with your son/daughter before they return to school on 6th January 2022. Adherence to these mitigations is mandatory.

Covid mitigations

- There will be a re-introduction of staggered starts to school; **BGE** phase should arrive between **8.40am-8.50am** and proceed straight to their period 1 class. **Senior phase** should arrive between **8.50am-9.00am** and proceed straight to their period 1 class.
- The one way system will be in effect and we will continue the use of multiple exit and entrance points along with outdoor corridors.
- Break and lunch times will be staggered with BGE phase released 10 minutes early for both. This is to minimise queueing in the canteen area. Please see the appendices below for the changes to the school day for both BGE and Senior phases.
- Parental visits on campus will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and will require to be booked in advance through the school office. We can offer the use of video conference or telephone meetings as an alternative. **Please do not attend the school campus without booking in advance.**

Updated Covid Isolation Guidance

Due to the recent upsurges in the Omicron variant of Covid 19, from Saturday 11th December 2021 the following changes to isolation rules took effect:

- All **household contacts** of a confirmed COVID case should isolate for 10 days regardless of an initial negative PCR test advice and regardless of vaccination status, with exemptions made for those in critical services. Guidance when available will be shared.
- Non household contacts should continue to isolate, pending a PCR result and can leave isolation with a negative result **providing that** they are also double-vaccinated.

LFD testing

Our LFD testing programme will be continuing as normal and we would encourage all pupils to be testing and increasing the frequency they test, in light of the increasing numbers of this variant.

Yours sincerely,

Douglas Watt
Head Teacher

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TEMPORARY CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY FROM 06/01/22

JUNIOR PHASE [MON / TUES]	
ENTER SCHOOL BUILDING FROM 8.40am - 8.50AM	
PERIOD 1	8.50 - 9.40
PERIOD 2	9.40 - 10.25
BREAK [OUTDOORS]	10.25 - 10.45
PERIOD 3	10.45 - 11.35
PERIOD 4	11.35 - 12.25
PERIOD 5	12.25 - 13.10
LUNCH [COLLECT & OUTDOORS]	13.10 - 14.00
PERIOD 6	14.00 - 14.50
PERIOD 7	14.50 - 15.30
LEAVE SCHOOL BUILDING 3.30PM - NO LOITERING IN GROUNDS	

JUNIOR PHASE [WED / THU / FRI]	
ENTER SCHOOL BUILDING FROM 8.40am - 8.50AM	
PERIOD 1	8.50 - 9.40
PERIOD 2	9.40 - 10.25
BREAK [OUTDOORS]	10.25 - 10.45
PERIOD 3	10.45 - 11.35
PERIOD 4	11.35 - 12.20
LUNCH [COLLECT & OUTDOORS]	12.20 - 13.10
PERIOD 5	13.10 - 14.00
PERIOD 6	14.00 - 14.40
LEAVE SCHOOL BUILDING 2.40PM - NO LOITERING IN GROUNDS	



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TEMPORARY CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY FROM 06/01/22

SENIOR PHASE [MON / TUES]	
ENTER SCHOOL BUILDING FROM 8.50am - 9.00AM	
PERIOD 1	9.00 - 9.40
PERIOD 2	9.40 - 10.30
BREAK [OUTDOORS]	10.30 - 10.45
PERIOD 3	10.45 - 11.35
PERIOD 4	11.35 - 12.25
PERIOD 5	12.25 - 13.15
LUNCH [COLLECT & OUTDOORS]	13.15 - 14.00
PERIOD 6	14.00 - 14.50
PERIOD 7	14.50 - 15.40
LEAVE SCHOOL BUILDING 3.40PM - NO LOITERING IN GROUNDS	

SENIOR PHASE [WED / THU / FRI]	
ENTER SCHOOL BUILDING FROM 8.50am - 9.00AM	
PERIOD 1	9.00 - 9.40
PERIOD 2	9.40 - 10.30
BREAK [OUTDOORS]	10.30 - 10.45
PERIOD 3	10.45 - 11.35
PERIOD 4	11.35 - 12.25
LUNCH [COLLECT & OUTDOORS]	12.25 - 13.10
PERIOD 5	13.10 - 14.00
PERIOD 6	14.00 - 14.50
LEAVE SCHOOL BUILDING 2.50PM - NO LOITERING IN GROUNDS	

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