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Dear Parent/Carer

Further to my letter last week you will have noted that the Scottish Government has published an updated Strategic Framework for dealing with Covid-19, bringing in five tiers which local authority areas are being placed in depending on the prevalence of the virus and the risks in each area. Along with this framework, the Covid Education Recovery Group (CERG) has also published updated guidance on reducing the risks from Covid-19 in schools. This guidance can be accessed via this [link](#).

Education Scotland has helpfully published a summary of the guidance and the main points and this can be accessed via this [link](#). This summary is highly important and I would ask you all to read it and to discuss it with your child/children. It contains some essential updates on physical distancing, face coverings and PE in the curriculum as well as providing updates and some information on other matters such as PE in the curriculum and SQA examinations.

By working together and adhering to the guidance we can make continued positive progress in suppressing the spread of the virus and hopefully ensuring a return to some degree of normality as swiftly as possible. I would particularly ask you to note the section of the guidance asking parents to wear face coverings when on the school site, including during pick-up and drop-off. These changes to our daily lives can feel burdensome and inconvenient, but they have been developed in the interests of public safety, using the most up-to-date medical and scientific advice and guidance. I would ask everyone to support their local schools in adhering to the measures set out in the guidance.

Yours sincerely



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