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Gryffe High School, Level 1, 2020-2023

Dear Pupils and Parents/Carers

We are delighted to finally have some pupils attending school in order to complete critical SQA Practical work. Health and Safety will remain our key focus. We will maintain our routines to meet and greet learners, adhere to 2 metre physical distancing, and ensure safe entrance and exit from the building. Appropriate pupils will come in for their allocated blocks only. Between blocks pupils MUST stay within the school building and will only be allowed in the Canteen and Games Hall, unless visiting the toilet. If a pupil leaves the school building, they will not be allowed back in, and parents/carers will be informed. All areas used by staff and pupils are cleaned either that afternoon, or the following morning.

Arriving at school:

- Enter the door closest to your first class between 8:40 and 8:50 am, or between 12:20 and 12:30 pm. This detail, including a map, is attached to help with this.
- On entering the building staff will prompt you to use wall the mounted hand sanitiser at the beginning of the day and after lunchtime. This must be used before you are permitted to go to your class.
- Go straight to your first class

In class:

- Pupils will be allocated a seat which they must use each time they are in that class.
- Pupils should not leave their seat without permission.
- All classes will have their own cleaning caddie.
- At the start of the lesson teachers will direct pupils to wipe/clean their learning area.
- 2 metre distancing should be maintained in class and also during breaks.
- Teachers will direct pupils also to clean their learning area at the end of the lesson.
- Teachers will wear face coverings as required.
- Pupils must wear a face covering.
- All school bags must be place on the floor.

Break/Lunch/End of school day:

- Once in school pupils should not leave the building. If a pupil is in school in the morning and afternoon then they are required to stay in school at lunchtime.
- Pupils should only use the school canteen and Games Hall, unless visiting the toilet.
- All pupils should exit the building from the nearest door to their class at the above times.

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School Uniform

We would ask all pupils and parents/carers to support our School Uniform for the coming session. All pupils will be expected to be in school uniform.

As a school I want to assure you that we will do everything possible to ensure the Health and Wellbeing of our pupils and staff. This is of utmost importance to us. I would ask parents/carers to support us in this, and to feel free to contact us and express your own views of what we are doing well, and where you believe there could be improvement. **In order to protect our school community, I would remind all parents/carers that should your child display any symptoms of COVID 19, they should not attend school, instead they should self-isolate in line with Government Guidelines.**

We hope that all senior pupils, S4, S5 and S6, will participate in the COVID-19 asymptomatic testing programme. All senior pupils who are asked to attend school should, if possible, print and complete the attached CONSENT FORM, and bring it with them on their first day back in school. Should any pupil be unable to print the CONSENT FORM then I would ask that they, if possible, collect a paper copy of the CONSENT FORM from the school office prior to attending school. All senior pupils will be given an instruction booklet along with their testing kit and we hope they will complete and record their test results as advised.

Following the focus on Health and Wellbeing, we then move to concentrate on the key Learning and Teaching within Gryffe. We return from a situation that we have all found extremely difficult. Staff, pupils, parents/carers were all focusing on wellbeing, and at the same time trying to continue with a very different form of Learning and Teaching. We can, having learned from that experience, now get back to some face to face Learning & Teaching, where we continue to build positive relationships and strive to ensure that all our pupils achieve their full potential.

Please take care and I look forward to seeing an increasing number of pupils coming safely back to school, where we can get into our routines, enjoy each other's company and focus on our learning.

Colin Johnson
Head Teacher



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NHS TEST AND PROTECT CONSENT FORM for COVID 19 Testing

(This common consent form has been designed for use by: staff; parents and guardians of senior phase pupils under 16; and senior phase pupils over 16. Underlined sections should be deleted as applicable and the form should be completed as follows:

- **for pupils younger than 16 years**, this form must be completed by the parent or legal guardian. Remember to complete **one consent form for each child** you wish to enrol.
- **for pupils over 16 who are able to provide informed consent**, this form can be completed by themselves, having discussed participation with their parent/guardian.
- **for any pupil who does not have the capacity to provide informed consent** - this form must be completed by the parent or legal guardian.
- **staff will complete this form themselves.**)

This COVID 19 testing programme is being led by the Department for Health and Social Care and the Scottish Government to provide asymptomatic testing in schools for staff and senior pupils.

Taking part in testing is voluntary. There is no expectation or obligation to participate. Nobody should be required to undergo testing without consent, and nobody should be excluded from school if they do not wish to test.

Please read the following sections, complete the questions below and return this form to the school as soon as possible:

I have had the opportunity to consider the information provided to me by the school about this testing programme in the letter dated 15/02/21. I have had the opportunity to ask any questions about the programme and, if I have, I have had these answered satisfactorily.

For parents/carers/guardians of under 16s: I have discussed the testing with my child and my child is happy to participate. If on the day of testing they do not wish to take part, then they will not be made to do so.

I consent to participate/ my child participating in this testing programme.

I consent to my / my child's data being held in accordance with the terms in the data privacy notice.

I agree that if my / my child's test results are confirmed to be positive, I / my child will inform the school to support contact tracing.

I consent and agree to accurately recording all of my/my child's test results at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result or by calling 0300 303 2713.

YES	NO

Staff name: (PRINT) _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name of Pupil: (PRINT) _____

Signature _____

Year group _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: (PRINT) _____

Signature _____

Date: _____

Relationship to child: _____

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