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Dear Parent/Carer

I am sure by now you will all be aware that it has been announced by Scottish Government that from Monday 31st August 2020 face coverings will be mandatory for secondary school pupils and adults when moving around the school (in corridors and communal areas) where physical distancing is difficult to maintain. While staff and young people can continue to wear face coverings in the classroom if they wish, there will be no requirement to do so because there is greater scope for physical distancing and face coverings can have an impact on teaching and learning. However, it remains the case where adults cannot keep 2m distance and are interacting face-to-face for 15 minutes or more, face coverings should be worn.

From Monday 31st August children aged five or older are also required to wear face coverings on dedicated school transport, details can be found within this guidance. These changes apply to all young people other than those who are exempt from having to wear face coverings and you should inform your child's school if this is the case.

We would ask you to discuss the importance of wearing face coverings with your son/daughter and ensure they attend school with their face coverings. Equally, if your son/daughter leaves school at lunchtimes we would ask you to remind them about the importance of wearing face coverings when in shops and food outlets in town centres.

Your school will continue to update you as the position with regards Covid-19 changes and as guidance evolves we will also regularly update Aberdeenshire Council's Frequently Asked Questions webpage so parents have all relevant information.

I hope you and your family are safe and well and enjoying the return to school after such a long period away from the school building. As a service we are very grateful for the ongoing positive support of our parents and carers in ensuring we keep everyone safe and well during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

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