

Wallace Hall Update – 17.09.20 - COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

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Dear Parent/Carer

Whole School

Whilst the number of confirmed cases still seems to be very low in Dumfries and Galloway, it is a different picture throughout most of Scotland and the rest of the UK. It is important that we do not become complacent and we should remain vigilant. We will continue with all of the current measures in school over the coming months.

Parents' Evenings and Open Afternoons

The guidance still says that we cannot invite parents into school so these will look very different this year. We hope to have information out to you shortly about how we will engage with parents in a different way over the coming year.

School Trips

There will be no residential trips planned for the remainder of this year and unlikely before next summer. We are currently working with our trip provider to reschedule dates of trips which were previously planned for this year. Day trips, unless curricular, will also not be taking place, at least up to the Christmas break.

Testing for COVID-19 and Self-Isolating

Please remember that if your child(ren) are off school because they, or a member of your household, is being tested for COVID-19, you must let the school know of the result at the earliest opportunity, and at least **BEFORE** they return to school.

Safe Route to School

We would like to remind all parents/carers about the importance of all children using the identified safe route to school at the beginning and end of the day. Please stress to your child/children that they must only cross the roads leading to school with the appropriate crossing patrol person. Crossing without an adult's supervision at the old Primary School building on Station Road is not suggested by the school as this is not the designated safe crossing. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult to support them to be safe on their journey to and from school.

Wearing of face coverings on public/school transport and in shops

All pupils, over the age of 5 **must** wear a face covering when travelling on either public or school transport. They **must** also wear face coverings when they are both queuing to get in, and inside any shops. Please ensure that your child(ren) has an appropriate face covering and explain that there are vulnerable people around who may be at a higher risk if they were to catch the COVID 19 virus. Anyone with breathing difficulties or another medical reason for not wearing a mask is exempt. Please let us know if this is the case for your child(ren).

Phase 2 Risk Assessment – Re-opening of Schools

An updated copy of the full risk assessment will be uploaded to our website each Monday. This is a working document and we welcome any feedback from parents on this. If you have any concerns regarding the health & safety of your children, please do get in touch with us via the school email addresses. We will be reviewing it on a weekly basis for the foreseeable and will upload a copy of the updated version (along with the date) to the website each week.