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Dear Parent / Guardian

It has been great to welcome pupils back into the school over the last few days. Further to my previous communications, which are all available in the Letters Home section on the school website, I write to update you regarding a few matters.

Face Coverings

As previously advised we strongly encourage the use of face coverings in corridors and in other communal areas e.g. school transport, including buses and taxis. The Minister of Education yesterday issued guidance strongly recommending the use of face coverings in these areas. Therefore, as a school we are stating that pupils should wear a face covering in corridors and other communal areas, including school transport. Please note all face coverings MUST be PLAIN and NOT have any design and / or symbols.

Games / PE

As previously advised, all year groups should come to school on the day they have PE and / or Games dressed in their school sports kit. In the case of Years 13 and 14, pupils are not required to attend games on Wednesday afternoon unless advised directly by their individual team coach.

Catering

The Education Authority has conducted a risk assessment and advised the school that the cashless machines can now be used. Therefore, pupils are able to add money to their dining hall account in the normal way. Years 8 – 10 ONLY should use the cashless machine in the Atrium and Years 11 – 14 should use the cashless machines in Science and / or the Dining Hall.

Please note in the first week from Tuesday 1 - Friday 4 September, pupils in Years 8 - 10 should bring a packed lunch and pupils in Years 11 -14 will be able to access the Dining Hall. From Monday 7 September onwards Years 8-10 will be able to order a lunch from the Dining Hall or bring their own packed lunch. There will be a separate communication tomorrow directly to the parents / guardians of children in Years 8 – 10 who are entitled to receive free school meals.

I will endeavour to keep you informed on a regular basis and I encourage you to read all of the information available in the Parental Information section of the school website.

Kind regards

R S McLoughlin
Principal