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Dear Parents and Carers,

I last wrote to you on 8 April regarding COVID-19 measures in schools after the Easter break. On 13 April [the Scottish Government subsequently issued an update to its guidance](#).

I am therefore writing to advise you of the key changes which will now apply when our schools return on 25 April. These changes primarily relate to the use of face coverings.

Face coverings are no longer legally required in school communal areas, or on home-to-school transport. This brings schools into line with the position in wider society, workplaces and on public transport.

While no longer mandatory, the Scottish Government continues to strongly recommend that face coverings should still be worn in indoor communal areas, including on home to school transport. This will protect learners, staff and transport drivers and reduce the likelihood of further disruption. As previously stated, any individual learner or member of staff who wishes to wear a face covering in a school setting will be supported to do so.

We understand that this guidance will remain in place until the end of the Summer term and will keep you informed if we become aware of any further changes or updates.

Yours sincerely



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