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Dear Parents

I hope you all had a good and restful half term. The children have come back to school in a very positive frame of mind and we remain, as ever, very proud of them all.

Government guidance is continually being updated and we continue to do our best to make the necessary adjustments required to keep everybody safe and be mindful of staff and students' well being. For example, we are very pleased with the support shown by students and parents in the wearing of face coverings around the school. We believe this has certainly helped to contribute to there being no cases of Covid-19 present at Smithdon High school in the last half term.

We will both hope and endeavour to keep the virus out of the school and ensure that students continue to receive purposeful and well-planned lessons over the next half term. The government lockdown over the next four weeks will certainly help, but we all have a responsibility to keep the virus at bay.

Following guidance, there may be some changes to after-school clubs and other co-curricular activities. However, we have been advised currently that if those clubs and activities are for learning or training purposes, we should be able to keep them going. Individual departments will communicate to your children on the specific details regarding these and we will publish information on the school website.

Further to this, when a student leaves the school site - whether it is at the end of the day or following an after-school activity - they must go straight home and adhere to the rules laid down by the government for the duration of the lockdown. They should also then be staying at home in the evenings and at weekends.

Can I also remind you that should a member of your household show symptoms of Covid-19, then you should not send your child(ren) to school until a test has been conducted and a negative result received. If the test is positive, then they **must** isolate for fourteen days. Please also immediately inform our attendance officer of the circumstances.

Thank you in advance for your continued support during this difficult time and, please, stay healthy and keep safe.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' and 'H' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

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