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Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to update you on measures we are taking in school in light of the national lockdown that is now in place. We have taken these steps in line with national guidance to ensure that all members of our school community remain safe.

## Face coverings

Face masks must be worn at all times in communal areas, this includes corridors, the canteen and the common room. We are also advising that masks be worn in outdoor spaces when students are gathered in groups and cannot maintain social distancing. Could you please ensure that your child comes to school with a face covering, and a spare if possible, every day.

## Classroom ventilation

As part of our risk assessment we need to ensure there is adequate ventilation in every room. This is not new, but as the temperature begins to drop it will mean that classrooms are colder than usual. It may be advisable for students to wear an additional layer under their shirts to compensate for this. In some circumstances students may be allowed to wear a coat.

Can I remind you that school coats must be plain black. Hoodies and sweatshirts are not permitted.

## Extra-Curricular activities

We were very much looking forward to expanding our extracurricular activities this half term, unfortunately the government guidance that we have been issued with means that these after school activities are not allowed. We will review this after the lockdown restrictions are lifted.

## Covid symptoms

Could I please remind you that if your child, or anyone in your household, is unwell with any Covid symptoms they should not attend school until you have received a negative test result or have self-isolated for the recommended time. Further guidance is available on our website. The fewer people we have in school with symptoms the less likely we are to have to send groups of children home to isolate. Anyone waiting for a test result must not attend school.

May I take this opportunity to once again thank you for your ongoing support and understanding in these challenging circumstances.

I hope that you and your family remain well.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A O'Callaghan  
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