



Craigie High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to provide you with an update on what has been happening in school since the last time I contacted you.

Face Coverings

Since Monday 31 August when pupils were required to wear a face mask in social areas and corridors, we have been working hard to ensure young people are protecting themselves and others. In general, I have been very pleased with the numbers arriving in school with face coverings in place so once again a huge thank you to you for your support in this matter. We still have a number who continue to require a mask several times a day and as of today a group call will now be sent out to the parents of any child arriving at school not wearing a face mask. If the situation does not improve, we will then make contact via telephone. I am asking for all Parents and Carers to support us with this. The First Minister has announced the need for this to happen in schools and we all need to make sure we are putting these measures in place to protect all members of our school community and vulnerable members of your own families. I have attached a link below to a YouTube video on how to make your own reusable masks.

Physical Distancing

It is important that pupils continue to make every effort to remain 2 metres away from each other where possible. There are occasions where this can be difficult in a school setting but something young people should strive to achieve. Please remind them at home about the importance of physical distancing.

Whole School Lesson

Given the importance of these points above and to avoid any of us becoming complacent or thinking things are back to normal, a whole school lesson has been prepared for pupils. This will be shown to the whole school on the same day during the same period and will emphasise the need for all of us to continue to be careful and look after ourselves and others.

Dining Centre

As a school we are continuously reviewing our processes and procedures and as of Monday 21 September some changes to the dining centre arrangements will take place. Pupils will now only be able to sit side by side and not opposite each other. We will be able to manage this without having to reduce the numbers. Pupils can only remove their masks whilst they are eating or drinking and put them on again when they leave the dining centre. A reminder to parents that the dining centre can still not collect any money and all money should be put on a child's card via ParentPay. After the October Holiday we will be able to offer a restricted provision at interval and hot meals at lunchtime.

Remote Learning

We continue to prepare for any pupil who requires to self-isolate or learn remotely. The first point of contact will be Microsoft Teams where staff have updated lessons for pupils in all subjects. The school website also has a link. Given the importance of being able to access learning remotely we will be arranging for another whole school lesson on this over the next week or so.

ICT arrangements

We are awaiting receipt of several laptops with data attached and will be issuing these to pupils who need them. In the next few weeks, we will have another 100 laptops delivered and these will also be issued to pupils once they are configured. We will require parents/carers to sign a contract regarding the safety and return of these machines. House Teams will be in touch with parents regarding this.

Front Door and Car Park

It is essential that all pupils enter and leave by the Arbroath Road and Brington Road entrances. Can I ask parents not to drive into the school car park to drop pupils off. This allows us to manage hand sanitising and physical distancing as well as supervision of pupils. The only pupils who are permitted to use the front door are those in our Enhanced Support Areas or travel to school organised by Dundee City Council.

Visitors to the School

Parents/Carers are reminded that they need to make an appointment before attending school. Do not just turn up. This would include dropping items off for young people eg PE Kit, lunch money etc as the office staff cannot take possession of these. If you are invited in for an appointment please wear a face mask and hand sanitise when you enter the building.

Timings of the school day

A reminder that House Tutor time is now 8.45-9.00 with period 1 starting at 9 until 9.50. All other times remain the same with a 3.40 finish on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and a 2.50 finish on Thursdays and Fridays.

Learning Resources

We continue to support our young people with learning resources such as pens, pencils etc which are being given to pupils who don't have these on a daily basis by staff. This is designed to limit the sharing of resources during the day by young people and to help reduce the Cost of the School Day.

Regards

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