



Return to school 28th October 2020

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to welcoming our pupils back to school tomorrow.

You are probably aware that there have been several positive Covid tests in Orkney recently. This was to be expected, given the likelihood of people travelling in and out of the islands during the October break.

In this context, I would like to ask for your support in helping us protect our pupils, our staff and all our families from infection. We are making no changes to our Covid-safe procedures in school for the new term, but pupils have been out of the school routine and are more likely to forget what they need to be doing, just at a point when we need to be extra vigilant.

We will go over our procedures with pupils tomorrow morning; a summary of these is given below. Your support in reinforcing to your children that they need to comply with these, for the benefit of the whole Orkney community, would be much appreciated. In particular, please can you ensure that your child has a face covering with them tomorrow, and is dressed warmly so that we can have adequate ventilation in the building without pupils being too cold.

If you have any questions regarding information in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 850660 or admin.sa@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk and they will direct you to someone who can help.

Kind regards

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Stromness Academy Covid-Safe Procedures Summary for pupils

- **Zero tolerance of symptoms**
Do not come to school if you have a persistent cough, fever, or loss of taste/smell
Tell a teacher if you develop these symptoms while at school; you will be isolated and parents asked to book you in for a covid test and take you home.
- **Face coverings should be worn:**
On school transport
In communal areas (corridors, dining room, social areas)
Where 2m distancing from staff is not possible
- **Hand and respiratory hygiene**
Sanitise/wash your hands on entry/exit to the building and rooms
Use tissues/your elbow if you cough or sneeze; throw tissues away
- **Distancing**
Keep 2m distance from staff
Keep distance from other pupils where possible indoors – no more than 6 at a dining table
- **Ventilation**
Doors and windows will be kept open so that fresh air circulates; wear warm clothing
- **Cleaning**
Desks, chairs and equipment are sprayed, wiped or quarantined after use
Toilets are cleaned after break; please do not enter while they are being cleaned
- **S1-3 kept separate from S4-6**
Separate social areas before school & at break
Staggered lunch times
Staggered end to the day
- **Outdoor PE**
We are hoping that indoor non-contact sports will be allowed shortly, but at present PE continues to be outdoors only
On days when you have PE, please come to school already dressed in PE kit appropriate for the weather, to limit time spent in changing rooms