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Dear Parent/Carer

As we start term 2, I wish to thank you for your support last session – you will appreciate that it was a very unique and challenging term for us all and that at every turn, we have always endeavoured to do our very best – thanks for recognising this!

Face Coverings

In the first instance, I wish to reinforce our expectations with regards face coverings – they should be worn (unless exempt) in corridors, when queuing in the canteen, when visiting local shops at lunchtime and when using public transport to and from school. I can assure you that throughout last term, these expectations were reinforced during registration, bubble assemblies and during classes. My staff show a real commitment towards all matters pertaining to Health and Safety and I wish to thank them for this. The messages alluded to and including the importance of good hygiene will be reinforced at all of our Year Group/House Assemblies next week, can I ask that you also reinforce our expectations at home.

Uniform

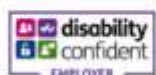
Can I thank those pupils who adhered to our uniform expectations last session – we welcome parental support again this term. A reminder that jeans, leggings, hooded tops are NOT part of our school uniform at Irvine Royal Academy. If anyone is struggling to obtain appropriate school uniform, please contact the relevant PT Pastoral Support, we have uniform stock within the school that we are able to distribute free of charge.

Mobile Phones

I reinforced the guidance around mobile phones at the end of last term. Mobiles should only be used in class if permission is given by the class teacher. Mobiles will be confiscated until the end of the day if they are used inappropriately and are disrupting learning and teaching.

Attendance/Timekeeping

You will be fully aware of the importance of good attendance and timekeeping. This will be an area of priority for us this session and thus we welcome your support in promoting high standards in these areas.



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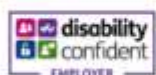
For the pupils studying National 5 qualifications this year, you will be aware that there will be no exams in 2021. The exams will be replaced by teacher assessments and coursework. Higher and Advanced Higher exams will go ahead as normal but will start on 13.05.21 and finish on 04.06.21. Results day will be 10.08.21. Results will again be moderated to maintain standards and unlike this year, awards will not be given or taken away on the basis of a statistical model or on the basis of the schools past performance.

Finally can I remind you to contact the school if you have any issues relating to Covid -19 or otherwise. You will appreciate that social media is not an appropriate forum to raise concerns when the school has not been contacted in the first instance. In addition, as a school, we have followed all protocols in relation to Covid - 19 last term and were thanked by North Ayrshire for our professional, timely handling of the positive case we had. Public Health guide us at every turn and thus you will then receive communication from us via Public Health if there is a need. The safety of the entire school community is of paramount importance – we would not do anything to compromise this.

Yours sincerely

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