

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, the Scottish Government has introduced a new framework for tackling the Coronavirus pandemic. This involves each area of the country being placed in a different Level, ranging from 0 to 4. At each level, different steps are taken to limit the spread of Coronavirus. This includes some changes in schools.

West Lothian has now been placed in Level 4 from Friday 20th November, and as from Monday 23rd November, the following changes will apply in schools:

- Physical Education will now only take place outdoors. While the delivery of PE continues to be a priority, if weather is extremely bad, schools will use their judgement as to whether it is safe for children to be outside. Can you please ensure that your child has adequate clothing for outdoor PE including a rain jacket if possible?
- Non-essential activities or clubs outside the usual school timetable will pause. This will not include regulated childcare operating. Some clubs and activities will still continue on a virtual basis including Study Support. Pupils should speak to their teachers directly for more information on what virtual Study Support classes will be running and when.
- Children on the shielding list should **not** attend school. Parent/carers of children on the shielding list will receive a shielding letter from the Chief Medical Officer. If you receive a shielding letter for your child can you please **contact Mrs Marinello**, Depute Head Teacher. She will then ensure that your child is credited with their attendance, and also ensure that they have everything they need to continue accessing their learning from home.

All schools will review the existing measures they have in place to reduce the spread of Coronavirus, and remind all pupils of the importance of complying with these measures.

In line with Scottish Government guidance, face coverings should be worn by parents and other visitors to the school site (whether entering the building or otherwise), including parents at drop-off and pick up.

Please help us reduce the risk to all pupils and their families by encouraging your child(ren)

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to follow all the instructions they are given to maintain their health, safety and wellbeing.

Yours sincerely

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