



Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear School Community,

We find ourselves living and working in challenging times! As we all know there is an increase in Covid-19 cases in Belfast and across Northern Ireland, and this situation is placing demands on all of us in many ways.

As a school we continue to follow the current Department of Education and Education Authority guidance to implement mitigations to help keep our community safe from catching and spreading COVID-19.

Please see my letter sent to you this term at;

[https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/423/docletter/20210906015909\\_66\\_New\\_Term\\_-\\_Covid-19\\_Guidance\\_August\\_2021.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/423/docletter/20210906015909_66_New_Term_-_Covid-19_Guidance_August_2021.pdf) and please continue to follow the PHA guidance flowchart which you can see at;

[https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/423/docletter/20210906015917\\_72\\_Parental\\_Flowchart\\_Close\\_Contacts\\_in\\_school\\_settings\\_030921.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/423/docletter/20210906015917_72_Parental_Flowchart_Close_Contacts_in_school_settings_030921.pdf)

The Department of Education have not changed their guidance since the start of term. However, if they decide to update their guidance for schools, then I will communicate these changes to you via email/text and our website.

I applaud your perseverance and very much appreciate the support you give to the school to help our students access their education and to help maintain the smooth running of our school. Yet again we are facing an uncertain period leading into the Christmas break and we will all find ourselves on a low ebb at times during this pandemic, but we will get through these difficult times together. Remember, *'Tough times never last, but tough people do.'*

Thank you for continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

**Mr P Perry - Acting Principal**

