



MacIntyre Academies  
Quest Academy

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware the number of COVID 19 cases nationally has risen significantly over the last few weeks. In response to this, the DfE has provided schools with new guidance for January 2022. Below is a summary of recommendations about the wearing of face coverings for pupils.

- Where pupils in year 7 (which would be children who were aged 11 on 31 August 2021) and above are educated, we **recommend** that **face coverings should be worn by pupils, students, staff and adult visitors** when moving around the premises **outside of classrooms** such as in corridors and communal areas.
- From January 4th, we also **recommend** that in those schools where pupils and students in year 7 and above are educated, **face coverings should be worn in classrooms** where children and young people are able to do so.

We understand that it may not be possible for all children to wear a face mask. However, as a Trust, we **are strongly recommending the use of face coverings for all children** regardless of their age until the guidance is reviewed by the Government at the end of the month.

We will continue to deliver our curriculum offer as intended which means, for example, personalised learning, our reward system and Adventure, Community and Enterprise lessons will continue as planned.

We continue to meet the Government guidance regarding cleaning and ventilation. Details of our updated risk assessment can be found on our website.

As communicated to you earlier today, we **are open to all learners tomorrow**. However, whilst I would like to remain optimistic about staffing levels this term it is likely that we will need to implement our contingency plan again. **I would like to emphasise that where staffing levels are good we will not use the plan. We will review the plan daily and let you know each day as to whether you need to keep your child at home.**

We will continue to use the rotational system for learners as before. Your child will continue to be in the same group which was communicated to you last term. If you are unsure which group your child is in please contact the Family Footing Team or your child's class teacher.

Group A Contingency Day	Group B Contingency Day
Wednesday January 5 <sup>th</sup> 2022	Thursday January 6 <sup>th</sup> 2022
Friday January 7 <sup>th</sup> 2022	Monday January 10 <sup>th</sup> 2022
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2022	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2022	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2022
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2022	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2022



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Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	

If all staff from the same class are absent it **may not be possible** to keep a class open and therefore, you may be asked to keep your child at home until some of the members of staff have returned to work.

Should our contingency plan need to be put in place we will check in with each child on the day and set work via e-mail. (Home Learning).

We will continue to make any decision during the afternoon/evening and communicate this through, e-mail and text, so please ensure you check these regularly. Where possible we will try to contact you by phone. **It would be very helpful if you could contact the taxi providers to let them know of our decision due to the time it may take to phone all families.**

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you school attendance is mandatory. However, if your child is required to stay at home as a result of our contingency plan it **will not go against** their attendance figures as these are exceptional circumstances. The DfE have given all schools guidance around the coding for absences.

Please accept my sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely

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Principal.



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