



19<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Towards the end of the first week, I write to thank you for supporting your Academy young people in adapting so well back into school this term. We have been impressed with how students have been engaging enthusiastically with their learning and with the vast majority who are looking so smart in their uniforms.

A couple of COVID-19 related reminders (Scottish Government advice to be found [here](#)) and an additional notice and attachment around Flu Vaccinations:-

- **Face Coverings** - We gave out over 250 face coverings on one of the mornings this week. The Scottish Government advice outlines (P39) that *it is reasonable to assume that most staff and young people will now have access to re-usable face coverings due to their increasing use in wider society*. This means that school-provided face-coverings should be the exception rather than the rule. It would be great if you could discuss this with secondary age students in your family and ensure (as far as possible, and exemptions excepting) that students come to school prepared with a face covering.
- **LFD Testing** – As specified in the Scottish Government advice, *it is important that schools and local authorities continue to promote twice-weekly at-home LFD testing actively to their staff and secondary pupils, and that participants are encouraged to record their results* (P15). Testing remains an important part of our commitment as a school community to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please encourage your secondary age young person to visit the School Office to get updated supplies of Test Kits.
- **Flu Vaccinations** - We have received guidance from the Scottish Government around extending the flu vaccine to include secondary age children, teachers and support staff. For students this will be administered as a live attenuated nasal influenza vaccine (LAIV). NHS Consent forms will be distributed on Monday via students at registration. Forms must be returned by Fri 27th Aug for submission to the NHS on 30th August.

Many thanks for your continued support of Inverurie Academy,

Best Regards

Mr M Jones  
Head Teacher