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Dear Parent/Guardian,

May I start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and every success in 2022. Our young people have started the year with great enthusiasm, looking wonderful in their school uniform and focussed on their learning. As always, I thank you for the care and support you show in ensuring that this is always the case.

Firstly, I would like to bring you up to date with some of the changes that have been made within the school to staffing for the new term.

Mr Paul Cassidy has been appointed as Acting DHT with responsibility for S2 and S3.

Mrs Victoria Ross has been appointed Acting Principal Teacher of Pupil Support with responsibility for Howson House.

This strengthens the leadership of our school and will enhance the provision for our young people as we move forward.

Secondly, I would ask for your support in ensuring that our young people and our families stay safe during this pandemic. It is really important that our young people bring and wear a face covering to school and continue to sanitise their hands as often as possible throughout the day. We as a school will continue with our enhanced cleaning regime and ventilation measures as we continue to mitigate against the spreading of Covid within the building. The arrangements made with the young people taking part in Physical Education first and last periods in the day will also remain in place to avoid time spent in changing rooms. This means that any pupil with PE period 1 can arrive at school in PE kit and change into full school uniform for period 2. It also allows any pupil with PE last period in the day to leave school in their PE kit.

We hope that we will be able to meet again as a school community as soon as restrictions are lifted.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr David Owen Acting Head Teacher