

June 25<sup>th</sup> 2020



## BALLAKERMEEN HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to begin by thanking you for everything you have done in support of your young people over the past 13 weeks in lockdown. Now you have given them back to us - and we are delighted to see them. So far, over 85% of students have returned to school and they have had a great week back. 90% are wearing full school uniform, and I would like to clarify exactly what we expect in terms of attire.

**We have no wish to involve any parents in unnecessary expense, so our minimum expectation is that students wear a shirt and tie.**

- Blazers are not necessary, especially if we enjoy good weather
- Only school jumpers are permitted. "Hoodies" and sweatshirts remain banned items and from Monday these will be confiscated if worn in school
- If clothes are too revealing we will require students to find an alternative

If you are experiencing any difficulty in kitting your child out with any of the items listed above, please contact your child's form tutor and we will do our best to help.

In a school as large as ours with so many entrances, an added bonus is that the wearing of uniform helps with safeguarding because we can quickly identify unwanted visitors.

On another note, we would very much welcome your feedback regarding remote learning and communication from the school over the period of closure. Next week, we will be issuing a survey (electronically, with hard copies available on request). It will be anonymous. We very much hope that we do not have to go into lockdown again, but if there is a second wave of Covid-19 we want to be better prepared. Your feedback and opinions will be really valuable and I do hope you can find the time to participate.

We have four more weeks of this school year and we want to make the most of them. With your help and co-operation we hope to make a really positive impact on the children's learning and set them up for academic and social success in the future. I have every confidence that working in partnership with you we can achieve a positive outcome for our young people.

With best wishes,

P. A. Burnett,  
Head Teacher