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Dear Parent/Carer,

After almost 5 months since schools across the country closed, we were delighted to welcome back our students and staff to Marr College this week. Attendance levels have been very high and I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring an excellent standard of uniform.

On Wednesday, new S1 students were greeted by staff and S6 students during a welcome procession, led by S6 piper Calum Thomson. I hope our newest students felt a strong sense of pride as the formally joined the Marr College community.

All students have now participated in safety presentations to ensure they are fully aware of the new measures we have in place at school and of their individual responsibilities. Students also participated in wellbeing and reconnecting activities with their peers and teachers before commencing their timetabled classes for the remainder of the day. Almost all students have tried exceptionally hard to follow the new routines and, where possible, to keep a safe distance in school.

I would stress again that young people should remain in school over break and lunch and when out of school they should follow national guidance to help protect and keep our community safe. PC Harrower and I have now visited local shops following reports that a small number of students were not adhering to social distancing or the wearing of face masks. Many of the shops are no longer offering hot food at lunchtimes. I would appreciate if you could take some time this weekend to reinforce that masks should be worn in shops and young people need to remember that 2m social distancing remains in place when out of school. Local shops now have a clearly marked queuing systems in place, with some limited to only 12 customers at a time, and may refuse entry for any student who is not following the procedures they have in place. Young people need to be mindful that more senior members of our community have recently come out of shielding rely heavily on their local convenience stores and will be wary of large groups and long queues.

On Monday, all students will receive their unique code for the new Fusion Mobile app which will allow them to pre-order food and drinks from the Dining Hall. The system links directly with iPay and enables us to move to a safer, cashless catering system. Information on setting up an iPay account was sent out recently and can also be found on the school website. Please support your child to download and use the app. The app will be live from Monday 24th August and more information can be found here.

Further to my previous correspondence, we would greatly appreciate if parents could avoid entering the school car park and use only the drop-off area.

I look forward to welcoming all S1-S6 students on Monday. The school will be busier and I would advise students to arrive at their assigned entrance door at the allocated time. If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us on the number above or via marr.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Yours faithfully

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