

## People Directorate

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Parents' Evenings

Earlier in the session I shared with you that under the current circumstances, traditional in-person Parents' Evenings were not able to take place prior to the Christmas break. Our intention was to resume Parents' Evenings from January in the hope that these could take place in school with appropriate mitigations in place. Given the current situation and emerging concerns around the new variant, we have explored alternative arrangements and, in discussion with the Parent Council, have agreed to trial online video meetings, which will enable teachers and parents/carers to meet face to face. To facilitate this, we plan to use the company, [www.parents-booking.co.uk](http://www.parents-booking.co.uk).

Should the guidance for schools be updated to allow in-person Parents' Evenings during the remainder of the school session, we will review our approaches in partnership with each of the South Ayrshire secondary schools. As our Parents' Evenings have now been confirmed, please find attached an updated School Calendar, which also outlines reporting arrangements for all year groups.

Our planned dates for online Parents' Evenings are:

Tuesday 18 January 2022	<b>S4</b>
Monday 7 February 2022	<b>S2</b>
Tuesday 22 February 2022	<b>S5-S6</b>
Monday 7 March 2022	<b>S3</b>
Monday 23 May 2022	<b>S1</b>

These will take place between 5-7pm and I will be in touch with the parents/carers of S4 pupils prior to the Christmas break to provide more details on accessing the website and booking online appointments for the forthcoming parents' evening. In the meantime, demonstration videos are available for everyone to view from the Parents Booking website.

### Covid Mitigations

Covid mitigations remain in place in secondary schools for the foreseeable future and this includes the wearing of face coverings. We currently distribute around 200 face masks on a daily basis and it would be helpful, and have less of a financial and environmental impact, if our young people can continue to be reminded and supported to bring their own face covering, particularly the reusable type. All pupils and staff are also encouraged to continue to take twice-weekly Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests and report results through the NHS Portal to help reduce the risk to everyone in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'George Docherty'.

George Docherty

Head Teacher