



10th May 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

Staffing changes

Over the next two to three weeks there will be staffing changes within the senior leadership team and the pastoral team.

- **Skye House**

Ms Price, currently acting DHT, will be returning to her substantive post of PT Modern Languages. Miss Gallacher, currently acting PT of Modern Languages, will also be returning to her substantive post within the council. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their considerable hard work and commitment to the school over this past year.

Mr Henderson will be joining the school as DHT Skye House, starting on Monday 15th May. Mr Henderson comes to us with previous senior leadership experience at a neighbouring local authority, and we have planned a hand-over period in order that the young people in Skye House continue to be well looked after.

- **Mull House**

Mull House has also had some staffing news, in that both Mrs Davidson and Miss McFadden were appointed as the permanent DHT and PT after periods of acting – congratulations to them both!

- **Iona House**

Also moving on is Miss Docherty, currently PT Iona House. Miss Docherty is moving abroad and we wish her all the very best of luck in this new and exciting venture. Miss Docherty has been a member of our school team for over a decade and her contribution to our school has been immense; we will miss her very much. Her final day with us is Friday 12th May. Miss McCormack has been appointed as acting PT of Iona House, and starts her post on Monday 15th May. Miss McCormack and Miss Docherty are also having a hand-over period to ensure that the change of PT pastoral is as smooth as possible for our young people.

| HOUSE | PASTORAL | DHT |
|-------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Arran | Mr Rainey | Mrs O'Malley |
| Iona | Miss McCormack (acting) | Ms Cole |
| Mull | Miss McFadden | Mrs Davidson |
| Skye | Mr Kennedy | Mr Henderson |

School uniform

I am aware that some families are starting to think about getting ready for the new session in August, especially those planning to take advantage of some early deals from uniform suppliers (e.g. 20% discounts in some supermarkets or retailers). The table below is a reminder about our approved school uniform.

Finally, please note that the application process for clothing grants for eligible families **opens in June 2023**. The grant for a secondary age pupil is £150 per child. Families also need to apply for free school meals annually; this can also be accessed via the council website and the **closing date is 31st May 2023**.

| OUR UNIFORM | NOT PERMITTED |
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| School tie | No tie |
| White shirt | Leggings |
| Black trousers or skirt | Joggies or tracksuit bottoms |
| Black cardigan or v- neck jumper | Hoodies |
| Black shoes | Jeans |
| | PE/sports wear e.g. Nike leggings and tops |

If any family is struggling to provide any aspect of school uniform, please do not hesitate to call the school on 0300 300 1331 as we are more than happy to help.

Pupil behaviour in school and in the community

Over the past few weeks, we have been receiving complaints from local residents and from the golf course about the conduct of Johnstone High pupils. This will be a small minority of pupils, but nevertheless it damages the reputation of the school within our local community.

In line with all other high schools, our young people are allowed out at lunchtime and break, and school staff supervise in key areas of the grounds / back path. However, we cannot supervise the entire Johnstone area, nor do we have capacity to supervise at all the various shops the young people go to.

If a young person is misbehaving in the community, this will be taken very seriously, and parents / carers will be contacted and sanctions put in place. In the most concerning cases, the community police will also be involved. Therefore, I ask that you discuss behaviour in the community with your child and stress that the responsibility lies with them to behave in an appropriate manner at all times. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Lynne Hollywood

Head Teacher