

# Staff News: Take 5

Thursday 15 October 2020

Welcome to this week's Take 5, our all new weekly staff update, designed to bring you our latest news summary in a five minute read.

## Your weekly Coronavirus update

Today (Thursday 15 October), in a virtual session of parliament, First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon formally reviewed Scotland's current lockdown measures and set out new rules on face coverings.

All existing restrictions are set to continue for now including those imposed on hospitality last week and will be reviewed on 26 October. At that time, Nicola Sturgeon confirmed the Scottish Government are looking to replace the temporary restrictions with a new strategic, tiered approach to managing the virus. More on this to follow.

### New rules on Face coverings

From Friday 16 October:

- Couples getting married will be exempt from wearing face coverings during their wedding or civil partnership ceremony
- Face coverings in work canteens will be required when not seated at a table

From Monday 19 October:

- Face coverings will have to be worn in other communal work areas like corridors

We'll be in touch with you shortly to confirm how face coverings must be worn in all council buildings, however in the meantime for further details go to <https://www.gov.scot/>

## Protect Scotland

As local and national restrictions continue to develop, it's important that we remind ourselves of the basic steps we must all take to protect ourselves and our communities.



In order to prevent a further rise in cases it's essential that everyone plays their part by adhering to the guidelines and always sticking to the FACTS:

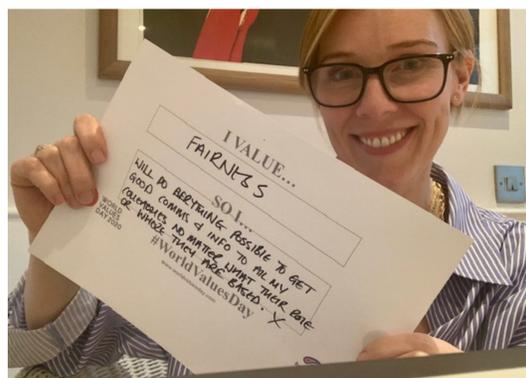
- Face coverings
- Avoid crowded spaces
- Clean hands and surfaces regularly
- Two metre physical distancing from others
- Self-isolate and book a test if you develop symptoms

Remember, if you are identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, do not come to work, inform your manager and self-isolate for 14 days.

If you haven't already downloaded the anonymous Protect Scotland app, please do so to help break the chains of infection and speed up the process of identifying people at risk of catching coronavirus.

For more information on the app go to <https://protect.scot/>

## World Values Day 2020



What's important to you? That's the question we asked you and the people of Renfrewshire when we started the conversation to create Our Values in 2019.

We launched our values in June this year, in the midst of this global pandemic, because the positive impact of these values was evident every single day. And they still are.

Today (Thursday 15 September) is World Values Day - an opportunity to act on Our Values and explore what they mean to you in your behaviours and interactions with your colleagues, families and friends.

This year's theme is 'values in action' and we've pulled together lots of ways you can get involved. Find out more at [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/worldvaluesday2020](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/worldvaluesday2020)

Don't miss our senior leader's stories as four of our heads of service look back on these last seven months through the lens of our values.

## Get Safe Online

### Let's take a back-to-basics look at online safety with #GSOGlobal24

We have partnered with [Getsafeonline.org](http://getsafeonline.org) as part of Get Safe Online Week 2020 to share useful information and advice on cybersecurity.

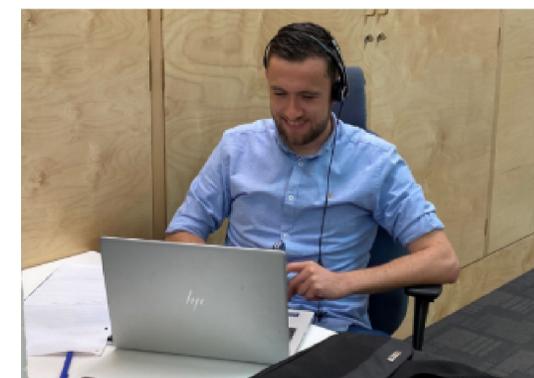
In today's world of advancing technology and increasing reliance on the internet both in our work and personal lives, cybercriminals are always finding new opportunities to take advantage of our information online. Scams are becoming more sophisticated than ever and it's getting harder to tell what's real and what's not.

Remembering to take simple measures like creating strong passwords and double-checking senders before opening email links, is often the best way to protect yourself.

For tips on getting back to the basics of internet security go to [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/work-from-home#getsafeonline](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/work-from-home#getsafeonline)

To get involved and access more resources to help you get safe online go to <https://www.getsafeonline.org/> or search for #GSOWeek2020 or #GSOGlobal24 on social media.

## Learning the trade



Following on from Learning at Work Week, we want to give a big shout out to trainee trading standards officers Jason Hampsay and Rebecca Wilson who recently started their Trading Standards Officer Level 1 training.

Jason and Rebecca are part of the first group to be completing the training remotely via Microsoft Teams.

Jason has worked with Renfrewshire Council for over six years and was looking for an opportunity to take his career to the next level. He said, "The support I've received from my colleagues has been key so far and I know that with their continued backing I am on a path to further success!"

Rebecca added, "It is good to have a focus during this difficult time. The work of our team throughout the pandemic has been really inspiring and I can't wait to sink my teeth in and learn even more. But with regulations changing so rapidly right now we are all on this learning journey together".



Our Health, Safety and Wellbeing at Work webpage is there to provide you with information and contacts to help you keep well during this time. Visit: [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/health-safety-wellbeing](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/health-safety-wellbeing)



Don't forget, we'd love to hear from you!

If you have a story to tell or something interesting to share, get in touch with us at: [internal.communications@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:internal.communications@renfrewshire.gov.uk)