



Dear Parent/Carer,

I have spent quite a bit of time over the last weeks speaking to students about how they are finding things. They deserve a lot of praise for their perseverance in the face of the situation they have found themselves in. Engagement from pupils remains very high with their remote learning and many are making excellent progress. As I have said previously, for those who find it difficult please get in touch, so we can try and support.

Calendar of events

- S2 Parents' information event- Thursday 18th February 1-3.30pm
- S5 Curriculum choices with Pastoral Teacher- Friday 19th Feb 2021, 10-3pm
- S2 Curriculum choices with Pastoral Teacher- Tuesday 23rd Feb 2021, 10-3pm
- Parent Council- Monday 1st March 2021, 7pm

Remote learning

There will be a literacy focus for all learners on Thursday 18th pm. Details will be posted on their year group google classrooms. There are activities for all year groups, however if learners feel they would like to use the time to catch up on their work I am happy for learners to make that decision.

Phased return for S4/5/6 practical subjects

Following on from the announcement this week, all learners should continue to follow their timetable and work from home unless they are in S4-6 and have the practical subjects that I have confirmed by email.

Learners will come in to school during their normal timetable to attend the practical classes, unless you receive an email to confirm times are different. (PTs will email you by Friday and add to google classrooms).

All learners attending school must wear their uniform and a face covering at all times. Learners must move directly to their classes rather than gather in the social areas to maintain 2m distance from learners and staff.

The Scottish Government has stated that a maximum of 8% of learners are allowed in the building during this phased return. As a result, learners have to leave the building to allow other learners to access their learning. I appreciate this is not ideal. This will be an issue for all schools in Scotland as learners will have to travel during the school day.

I have asked staff to record any live lessons and upload any relevant work. No young person will be marked down for their engagement due to traveling time. I know this is a challenging period, I am asking for your support with this model until we hear any further announcements.

Schools Asymptomatic Testing Programme

All information regarding testing was emailed to S4/5/6 parents and carers. Please remember to give consent by accessing this link.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKYRvg4UN_phBIXSZ6chdpnFUQjhTN0hNUDk0VjLREFWWVZNTDRVN1c3MS4u

Learners will be able to collect their tests from school if they are part of the phase 1 return next week. Learners continuing to work from home do not need to collect their tests.

Have your say!

The Community Learning & Development Team, want to keep in contact with the local community to gather your views and work with you through the Locality Planning process.

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Finally...

Parents and carers should be commended for your flexibility and patience in supporting your children. You are doing a great job. Thank you for working alongside us to make sure your child's learning continues. Remember...



Best wishes,
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