

Eastwood High School
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21st December 2020

Dear Parent/Pupil

Following a meeting of the Senior Leadership Team this morning held as a result of the First Minister's statement on Saturday evening the following important changes to the school calendar have had to be made. The main changes are summarised below.

21st December - SLT and Office Manager meeting to identify priorities and timelines.

30th December - SLT and Office Manager meeting will finalise a list of key worker children for the hub (to be based in the school library from 5th January).

5th January - Pupil Support Team will start contacting families to assess requirement for hub places 5th – 15th January for potentially vulnerable children. In addition week beginning 5th January the SLT will identify pupils requiring digital devices to support learning from home 11th – 15th January and arrange distribution.

5th January - Staff return and use the period 5/1/21 – 8/1/21 to set up online learning from 11th January. The intention for the week beginning 11th January when pupils return to online learning is that the normal school timetable for pupils and staff will operate but simply online ie. Teachers should interact with their classes when the classes would normally be in attendance, and pupils should sign into their google classes at the normal timetabled slots. This avoids teachers having to teach/interact with multiple classes at the same time. It is also easy for staff and pupils to understand.

7th January - **S5/6 Parents Evening will be moved to Wednesday 3rd February (with same appointments already agreed just moved to 3/2/21).**

11th January - Pupils return to online learning.

13th January - **S2 Parents Evening moved to Wednesday 20th January and S2 Curricular Choice day moved from 19th January to 21st January.**

18th January - Pupils scheduled to return to school building. **S5/6 Prelims postponed until week beginning 15th February 2021 with the same timetable to operate only one month later.** This allows for two things; firstly pupils will not return directly to a crucially important prelim diet after a lack of high quality, face



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to face interaction with teachers and secondly any approved assessment items from the SQA should be available by then and able to be utilised in Prelim assessment.

11th February - S5/6 Curricular Choice day

15th February - S5/6 Prelims begin.

I am sorry to bombard you with all this information during a holiday but I think it is best that everyone understands quickly what lies ahead. Please be re-assured that Eastwood High School is doing everything to ensure the best learning experience for pupils in these challenging times.

All the above is of course subject to further amendment depending on the course of Covid 19 and any further changes in the Scottish Government advice.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stuart Maxwell".

Stuart Maxwell
Head Teacher



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