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Dear Parent/Carer

## EASTER SCHOOL 2017

I am delighted to inform you that once again St Ninian's High School will be offering an Easter School programme of revision classes during this year's Easter Break. Classes in subjects will be offered for duration of 3 hours either in the morning or afternoon, the aim being to provide young people with the opportunity to receive extended support and tuition from our staff.

As you may recall four years ago East Renfrewshire Council introduced a new funding model to cover the cost of the Easter School programme. This model required schools to charge pupils a flat rate per day for the programme and this payment entitled pupils to register for both sessions (a.m. and p.m.) offered during that particular day. The cost for this year's programme has been set at **£6.50 per day**.

Traditionally in St. Ninian's we have offered classes over **both** weeks of the programme to allow our pupils to access the full range of subjects. Whilst we acknowledge the commitment of pupils and staff to Easter School, we also appreciate the need for rest, and therefore classes will run for **four** days in Week 1 (**3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April**), and **four** days in Week 2 (**10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April**). Subsequently a pupil registering for **all four days** in each week would be required to make a reduced payment of **£24**, for each week. Payment should be made in advance using the new on-line payments facility. Please also note that pupils who have an entitlement to Free School Meals will continue to access Easter School free of charge. Overleaf you will find details of the **ParentPay** module which allows on-line payments to be made.

Attached to this letter you will also find the schedule of classes and the dates and times on which they will be running. Pupils are requested to identify which classes they wish to attend and this, in turn, will allow parents to calculate the cost of their child's participation and to make the appropriate payment. When payment is made you will receive confirmation including a ParentPay Order Reference Number. This unique number should be added to the bottom of the schedule prior to this being returned to the school.

Completed schedules should be returned to the **school office** as soon as possible and certainly by close of school on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. (**N.B. Forms submitted after this date may not be processed.**)

Expressions of interest will be collated and subject lists will be displayed indicating the classes which pupils should attend.

The Easter School programme is always well received by staff and pupils, and has been highlighted as having a positive impact on attainment in St. Ninian's. I would, therefore, recommend that our young people attend as many classes as possible.

I will issue a further letter to parents prior to Easter School which will explain the arrangements for pupils who will be participating in the programme. In the interim please feel free to contact me at the school if you require any further information about the programme or payment.

Yours sincerely

Neil S Macdonald  
Depute Head Teacher

### **School Payments**

*East Renfrewshire Council's policy is that parents/carers pay for their children's school excursions/visits, schools meals and activities such as Easter School, via the council's new **ParentPay** system. All pupils have been issued with an 'activation letter' which provided specific activation information to allow them to set up a ParentPay account*

*By paying online parents will no longer have to engage in the often precarious practice of sending their youngsters to school with money to pay for excursions/visits or meals.*

*Information on using the system can be accessed via clicking on the '**Parent Pay**' link in the '**Parents**' section of the page on the St. Ninian's High School website or on the right hand side of our homepage, or by going directly to*

<https://www.parentpay.com/public/client/security/>

*Within the **Parent Pay** link you will also have access to a helpsheet, if required.*

*Please note that payments are received by '**East Renfrewshire Council**' and not the school.*