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Dear Parent/Carer

S4-6 Practical Subjects

Following the First Minister's statement, we can bring in a maximum of 8% of our school roll at any one time to complete practical work that cannot be done at home.

For our school this means we are planning to bring approximately 105 senior pupils each day. I am sure you appreciate the logistical problems associated with this. Departments have requested access to many more pupils than this number and individual pupils may be required to attend several subjects. We are also required to maintain some form of home learning for all other pupils.

We will begin on Monday 22nd February and during the course of that week will invite pupils from 3 subject areas- Technical, Drama and BECS. Pupils will be informed if they need to attend by the class teacher. Teachers from these departments will be in school working with the pupils and therefore the provision of Home Learning for other pupils who have these teachers will be affected. I will let you know what teachers will be involved in this each week. Other departments will be involved in this exercise during week commencing Monday 1st March and Monday 8th March and I will issue details of this next week.

The time spent in school may be a morning, afternoon or all day. Morning sessions are 9.00 – 12.00 and afternoon sessions are 12.30 – 3.30. All pupils are required to be in full school uniform and have to sign in at the department. Pupils will have to wear a mask and 2 metre distancing will be in place at all times for all pupils and staff. Appropriate Risk Assessments have been reviewed to ensure a safe return for staff and pupils. Lunches will be available if pupils are entitled to a free meal.

Senior pupils who are asked to attend school can participate in a voluntary weekly home COVID Testing Scheme. Pupils/parents will have to complete a consent form and I attach some documentation attached to this.

If pupils wish to participate they can collect consent forms from the school office when they are in school next week. When consent forms are processed, Lateral Flow tests will be distributed by the school but pupils will undertake the test at home, twice each week.

Week Commencing Monday 22nd February – Teachers Unavailable

All Technical, Drama and Business Education/Computing staff.

Best Wishes

Mr McGuigan
Head Teacher