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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of Week 6 of Home Learning, I hope that you and your loved ones continue to be safe and well. The First Minister has confirmed that Home Learning is to continue for almost all pupils until the 15th March at the earliest.

She also announced that we have a 3-week opportunity to bring in a small number of senior pupils to complete work that cannot be done at home and this begins next week with pupils attending in Technical, BECS and Drama. Pupils who should attend will have been notified through Teams.

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.

We anticipate the second week of this beginning Monday 1st March to involve pupils from Art, Music and Music Technology. Week 3 beginning Monday 8th March has still to be confirmed but will most likely involve Technical and a catch up for other subjects.

The voluntary home COVID Testing Scheme is available for all senior pupils who are coming into school regularly. Consent forms and tests can be collected along with a very detailed set of instructions from the school office.

Please continue to reassure pupils in S4-6 that we will provide enough time and teacher support to complete all necessary practical work for National Qualifications. I also want to repeat that when pupils are able to return we will focus on learning and teaching and not assessment. Provisional Results have to be sent to SQA for Monday 25th June and we are confident that courses will be completed and that pupils will not be in any way disadvantaged when we provide these results.

As always, please contact myself, Pastoral Care or year group heads if there is anything we can do to support you.

Keep safe

Mr McGuigan
Head Teacher