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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of Week 7 of Home Learning, I hope that you and your loved ones continue to be safe and well.

We have had a very successful first week of senior pupils in school to complete tasks. It was brilliant to see some staff and pupils return. We are now moving to the second week of this work and pupils from Music and Art and a very small number from Technical will be in school for at least part of the week. Pupils have been informed if they have to come to school through Teams and by e-mail to their Glow account. We have also e-mailed this information to parents if we have an up to date e-mail address for you.

The structure is the same as last week and 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 remain in place to ensure the safety of staff and pupils. Lunches will be available if pupils are entitled to a free meal.

The voluntary home COVID Testing Scheme continue to be 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.

Home learning will continue next week for all other pupils. Thank you for all your support and help with this. I know it can be extremely challenging but please continue to encourage your child to engage as much as possible.

We are still to receive confirmation of the arrangements from Monday 15th of March but we are working on the basis that we may run some or all of the Recovery Timetable that was in place and due to start last August. We expect to get some more clarity from the government/authority on Tuesday regarding the return of some more pupils and I will let you know our plans as soon as possible.

As I write this the sun is shining and I believe the good weather is to continue. I hope you can enjoy the sunshine with loved ones and also are able to rest over the weekend.

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

Best Wishes

Mr McGuigan Head Teacher