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Dear Parent/Carer

Return to school Monday 19th April

Monday 19th April is an in-service day and pupils should not attend.

At present we are waiting on information from the Scottish Government on what restrictions will impact the return of pupils from Tuesday 20th April. An announcement is due on 6th April but we are assuming that all pupils will return full time.

As we plan for this we are asked by the Director of Education to continue to prioritise:

- Safety of staff and pupils
- S4/5/6 SQA submission related work
- Minimising movement around the school
- Maximising teaching time

As a school, we feel that the immediate resumption of our normal 7 period timetable with all the required changeovers and movement is not the safest or best option. At present it is our intention to resume our normal timetable on Tuesday 4th May but this is, of course, dependant on continued progress with suppression of the virus.

As a stepping stone back to our normal timetable we intend to retain a version of our Recovery timetable for a period of 2 weeks – Tuesday 20th April to Friday 30th April - with a review of this at the end of the first week of operation.

The Recovery timetable will operate with some important changes. Pupils will attend one subject each day and all pupils from the class will be in that subject both morning and afternoon. I understand how challenging this could be for many pupils but it allows S4/5/6 to engage in immersion days to support recovery. We will, furthermore, try to mitigate this in the BGE by swapping classes to allow for a change of subject after lunch. A class may, for example, have Art all day and Drama all next day and we could try to change this to one session of Art and one session of Drama each day.

To reduce possible contact we will slightly amend the timings of the school day as shown below:

	BGE	Senior Phase
Morning	9.15 – 11.45	9.00 – 12.00
Lunch	11.45 – 12.30	12.00 – 12.45
Afternoon	12.30 – 3.00	12.45 – 3.15

Pupil timetables will be issued through Teams this week.

Please contact me, your Pastoral Care teacher or Year Group Head if you need further clarification.

Thank you, once again, for all your understanding and support. I hope that you and your loved ones remain well and I hope that you have a relaxing break over Easter.

Best Wishes

Mr McGuigan
Head Teacher