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Dear Parent/Carer

I'd like to begin by apologising for the length of this letter but it includes a range of important information.

The First Minister's announcement earlier today has confirmed our plan to bring small groups of pupils from S4/5/6 back to school for practical subject tutorials. The subjects concerned are;

- Drama National 5 and Higher
- Music National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher
- Graphic Communication National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher
- Art & Design National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher
- Administration National 5 and Higher
- Psychology Higher
- Photography National 5 and Higher
- 1. The attached timetable covers the next two weeks for S4 and S5/6 practical tutorials. To help maintain safety and physical distancing, some class groups have been split in 2 and, if this is the case, your daughter's teacher will tell her which group to attend.
- 2. Pupils are asked to wear school uniform when they are in the building and there will be strict instructions for pupils to maintain 2 metres physical distancing **at all times**.
- 3. As stated in my letter on 12 February, pupils in S4/5/6 and staff are asked to participate in Lateral Flow Device testing. This self-test identifies infection in those people who show no symptoms.
- 4. At this point it is only the young people in the subject areas above who should attend school at the following times this week to collect their test kits;
 - S6 Wednesday 17 February strictly between 12 p.m. − 2 p.m. since there is a year group Assembly with Mr O'Neill on Teams at 3 p.m.
 - S4 Thursday 18 February between 9.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.
 - S5 Thursday 18 February between 12.30 3.00 p.m.
- 5. It is compulsory that consent forms are completed before your daughter receives her test kit. If you have not already done so, can you complete and return the attached consent form to the HT e-mail account headteacher@notredamehigh.glasgow.sch.uk.

To explain our approach to this phased return and answer any questions you may have, I have arranged meetings via MS Teams on **Thursday 18 February** using your daughter's Year Group Team as follows;

- S4 Parents Thursday 18 February at 5.00 p.m.
- S5/6 Parents Thursday 18 February at 6.00 p.m.

You will find the link to join this meeting on your daughter's iPad using her Year Group Team or in her Calendar. I'm sure she will be happy to set this up for you, if required.

Can I thank you again for the support you continue to provide to your daughter and the school on a daily basis. We have all been asked to make so many sacrifices over the last few months but Monday's slow return to school hopefully marks the beginning of our recovery.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday evening and, as always, here to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Rosemary Martin Head Teacher

