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Dear Parent / Carer,

Weekly Summary

I hope that this finds you and your family in continued good health.

Earlier this week, I shared our rationale and plans for welcoming more of our young people back to school. We are really looking forward to seeing all of our pupils, at some point next week, and you should now be aware of exactly when your child should be coming in. We realise that your child may be anxious about coming back into the school building. Please reassure them. For S1 – S3, they will concentrate on Connectedness. This will give them an opportunity to re-connect with staff and their peers and it will enable them to gently ease back into the school environment. If you have any questions about any arrangements for next week, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher or their Year Head.

Please talk to your child about our Health and Safety protocols to help them adapt to being back in the school building. These can be found in the Rationale Document shared earlier this week. If your child has PE, they should come to school in their PE kit (jogging trousers are acceptable) as PE changing rooms will not be available. If your child is in S4-S6 and they wish to participate in the Lateral Flow Testing Programme, they can bring a completed consent form with them next week or you can e mail their form to their Year Head. We will distribute tests the first day your child is in next week. More information about LFT can be found on our website. S1 – S3 will be able to participate in this after the spring break. More information will follow next week.

The majority of learning for S1-S3 will still take place online. Please encourage your child to join their year group assembly (on their year group team) on Monday morning at 8.45am – if they are in S1 or S2 – or Tuesday morning at 8.45am for S3. This change for S3 is to accommodate in person learning for ½ the year group on a Monday morning. Senior Phase assemblies will be shared via Teams – when young people are in school. Our assemblies will be also be posted on our school website so that you can talk to your child about this too.

You will receive a Tracking and Monitoring Report over the next week, which will summarise your child's engagement with online learning. Please do not worry about this. We realise that this has been a challenging time for many of our young people and their families so this report is designed to simply give you a snap shot of their overall progress and engagement with online learning. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pastoral Care or your child's Year Head. If there are reasons for your child not engaging, and we are not aware of them, please talk to us so that we can support you and your child.



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Thank you to all parents and carers who have completed the Parent Carer Teacher Council Survey. You can still complete this here <https://bit.ly/2P0dz5D> If you have any general questions, please contact our Parent Carer Teacher Council directly via e mail shawlandsacademypctc@gmail.com . I am still meeting with the Chair of our PCTC each week, which is a really helpful way for us to keep the channels of communication open (particularly at this time).

I hope that you have a lovely weekend. We are really looking forward to welcoming your child next week.

Very best wishes,

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Head Teacher

If you require this letter in a different format or language, please let us know by phoning or e mailing the school (using the contact details provided).

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