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Dear Parents and Carers,

Phased return of senior phase pupils w/c 22 February 2021

I wanted to provide you with a further update following the First Minister's announcement on 16 February confirming Scottish Government's plan for small groups of senior phase learners to return to school from next week commencing 22 February 2021. As I said to you in my previous update, the number of young people in the building for this purpose can be no more than 5-8% of our school roll and we have had to plan our arrangements accordingly.

In addition, the guidance for social distancing in Secondary Schools has recently been updated and sets out that there must now be a 2m distance between secondary aged pupils in schools; this includes key worker and vulnerable pupils who are currently in attendance and also extends to school transport. This further impacts the number of young people we can ask into the building.

We will continue to provide in school learning and support for vulnerable children and children of key workers.

We have asked subject teachers to identify small groups of young people in senior phase who need to come into school to complete coursework in subjects where:

- there is a high level of practical work;
- which requires in-school facilities and;
- cannot be undertaken at home.

The practical subjects involved at this time are:

- National 5 Art and Design
- National 5 Computing
- National 5 Drama
- National 5 Health and Food Technology
- National 5 Hospitality Skills for Work
- National 5 Music
- National 5 Music Technology



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- Higher Graphics
- Higher Health and Food Technology
- Higher Music
- Higher Music Technology
- Higher Photography
- Advanced Higher Graphics
- Advanced Higher Music

We are making further arrangements to invite young people studying National 5 and Higher Modern Languages into school weeks beginning 1 March and 15 March. We will send information to the young people involved.

The list of practical subjects involved may change as we receive updated government information and guidance. We will keep you informed about this too.

We are now contacting young people and families directly to inform them when they should attend school. If we do not contact you directly, you do not need to take any further action at this time.

Information for senior phase pupils returning week commencing 22 February 2021

- We will let you know if and when you need to come to school. Even if you are studying one of the subjects listed on the previous page, you may not need to attend at this time.
- You will attend school for a morning (9.00-12.00) or afternoon (1.00 – end of day) session for each practical subject.
- If you normally travel to school on the school bus, these will be running normally from Monday 22 February; in the morning and at the end of the school day. You must socially distance on the school bus (2 metres) and wear your face covering.
- You should come into the building through the yellow doors and make your way to the relevant department/classroom. If you are going to the technical department (T4) you can go straight to the workshops through the main door in the technical department. If you are working in the Junior Hospitality Kitchen (Snapdragon) you can enter through the main reception.
- Young people must wear a face covering when in school, maintain a 2m distance from other pupils and teachers, and follow the other health and hygiene guidelines in place.
- You must also follow normal restrictions and guidance outside of school.
- If you normally travel to school on school transport but need to come to school or go home using public transport the school will pay the cost of your bus ticket(s).

- If you are attending school from next week and wish to take part in the asymptomatic testing programme, you or your parent must read the information I sent earlier in the week and complete the consent form. You should return the consent form to the reception desk on your first day back, complete the test kit log, collect your test kits and follow the instructions provided. Participation in the testing programme is not compulsory.
- If you are entitled to a free school meal this will be provided in school from next week. You will also be able to purchase food from the canteen. You should place your order using the FUSION APP or in person in the yellow canteen before 9.30am.

COVID-19 asymptomatic testing programme for senior phase pupils

For further information please refer to the letter and related documentation I sent on 15 February. This is also available on the school website.

Remote / online learning

We are continuing to review and improve our online learning programme in line with comments and suggestions received from parents and young people.

If we can assist you with any aspect of the online learning programme, please do not hesitate to contact the CNHS Digital Learning Team: cnhsdigitallearning@cardinalnewman.n-lanark.sch.uk

If your child would prefer non-digital copies of our online programme, or any other type of materials to help with their online learning please contact the digital learning team who will be happy to arrange pick up / delivery.

Contacting the school

Please do not hesitate to contact the school as normal. We are here to take your calls if you need us.

The 2021 Lenten season lasts from February 17 till April 4

Come Back to the Lord with All Your Heart

Lent summons us to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.

In these past months we all have experienced the effects of COVID-19. It has shown how vulnerable we are, how precarious our systems and limited our resources. However, we have also seen the great generosity and courage that can fill the human heart as so many risk their own life to care and to save the lives of others. Even in smallest acts of kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness, I am sure we have all glimpsed something greater than we had ever thought possible.

Lenten Prayer

Almighty God, too often I have failed to live as You have instructed me. My love for my family, friends, and neighbours is so imperfect. I have been selfish. During this season of Lent, I pray that you will make me whole again. Show me the way to love others as You love them. Then, when I love as You do, my sacrifices will be pleasing in Your sight.

With every best wish and the promise of our Cardinal High School community prayers for all of you. Please do not forget to pray for all of us.



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