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Dear Parent/Carer,

As always, I hope this letter finds you, your family and your loved ones safe and well. Thank you again for your patience as we have worked throughout this week since Tuesday's announcement to finalise our planning for our phased return of small groups of senior learners from Monday 22nd February. I am delighted to be able to communicate these plans with you and in the email that you have received including this letter, you will also find a further attachment detailing our plans in the document called CHS Initial Phased Return (S4-S6). This document provides full information about our plan, timetable, our rationale for our approach and it also includes other important information such as transport and measures that are in place and must be followed to keep everyone safe. Documents can also be found on our website and they will also be posted on to S4, S5 and S6 Year Group Microsoft Teams.

S4 – S6

We will begin our initial phased return from Monday 22nd February (based on 5-8% of the school roll which will be between 44 and 70 pupils at any given time in addition to those learners already registered for in-school learning). This is arranged to complete agreed/identified practical work that is critical and where it is absolutely necessary for that learning to take place in-school. Our initial offering from Monday 22nd February, based on the guidance includes those S4-S6 pupils engaged in learning in the following subjects/courses:

- Admin & IT
- Art and Design
- Craft, Design, Graphics
- Computing
- Drama
- Practical Cookery
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Music Technology

Our CHS Initial Phased Return (S4-S6) guide/document provides details of who should attend and when. Please read through the arrangements & timetable (appendix 1 within that document) with your son/daughter to ensure that you are fully planned regards if/when they are to be in school throughout this initial phased return. Senior pupils in school must adhere to two metre social distancing at all times and face coverings are required (unless exempt). The number of young people in classes will be around 10 to ensure social distancing can take place. This will also be required at interval,



lunch time and on school transport. Some learners will be in more often than others depending on the subjects they are currently studying and some may not be returning to school at all during this initial phased return of senior pupils. Our digital learning offering will continue. Once you have read through the accompanying guide/document, if you would require further information please contact your son/daughter's PT Pupil Support and/or Year Head who will be delighted to help, as always.

S4 – S6 pupils who are due to be attending school again from Monday have been offered and will continue to be offered 'at home testing kits'. I am delighted to say that a high number of pupils have already been in to collect these. We encourage senior pupils who are returning (and staff) to take this opportunity as it is a further measure to help keep us all safe and indeed to keep our extended community safe. More in depth details regarding our lateral flow testing arrangements can be found on our school website. At the moment, this is only available to those who have been identified to attend school again from Monday. We very much look forward to welcoming some of our senior phase pupils back to school from Monday.

S1 – S3

The First Minister did not indicate any changes for S1 – S3 pupils at this stage and therefore, they will continue to work from home digitally. We very much look forward to the day where we see them back in school but only when we are advised that this should be the case and only when it is absolutely safe to do so.

With reference to our digital learning, due to a significantly increased number of teachers having to work directly more often with young people in school from Monday we will continue to aspire to delivering and supporting the highest level of quality online/digital learning as we possibly can. As I mentioned in my letter at the beginning of the week, please be mindful that many more are now in school more often to plan, deliver and lead in-school learning supporting senior pupils who are returning. Staff are continuing to be in school to support our other small groups of 'in-school' learners such as those whose parents are identified by Scottish Government as key workers and they are also continuing to plan, deliver and lead digital learning – no mean feat. Staff will continue to do their very best, as always, for our young people and will be able to provide on all of these fronts as fully and as timely as possible. I am grateful for their continued efforts and resilience during such a context of continuous change and I am equally as grateful to you for that as our parents and families – you are doing a terrific job. I also continue to be inspired by the efforts and resilience of the young people in our school – the way they are handling this and dealing with this is remarkable and quite outstanding.

The support document has all key information required for our phased return but please do not hesitate to contact us at school in the usual way. As always, we will be delighted to help.

Stay safe and take care. I look forward to communicating further with you as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Mitchell