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Dear Parent/Carer

The First Minister’s announcement on Tuesday means that **small groups** of learners in S4-6 can return to Taylor High school next week. The latest guidance <https://bit.ly/THS-sp-practical> clearly states that pupils should continue to work from home as much as they possibly can. However, as of Monday, we will be able to support pupils who are studying practical subjects to come into school for particular activities that cannot be done at home. The following timetable has been produced to ensure that we are working within the guidelines:

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
AM: 9.15-12.15	S4 Nat Computing (Grp 1) Nat Pract Woodwork (Grp 1) Drumming	S4/5 S4 Nat Graph Comm (Grp 1) S5 Nat Pract Cake Craft	S4 Nat Pract Cookery (Gp3) Nat Music (Grp 2)	S4 Nat Computing (Grp 2)	S4 Nat Music (Grp 3) Nat Pract Cookery (Gp4)
PM: 1.00-3.40 (2.50 on Friday)	S4/5/6 Nat Pract Cookery (Gp1) S5/6 Nat Lab Science Drumming	S5/6 Higher/Nat Graph Comm (Grp 2) Higher/Nat Music (Grp1) Nat Pract Cookery (Gp2)		S5/6 Higher Computing	S5/6 Higher Music Nat Pract Woodwork (Grp 2)

There are two blocks each day:

Morning Group (9.15-12.15)

Afternoon Group (1.00-3.40 or 2.50 on Fridays)

Uniform

All pupils who have been asked to attend school from next week should arrive at the school **wearing their full school uniform and a mask; this includes all those young people who have already been attending each day.**

What should S4-6 do when they arrive at school?

Pupils must enter the building to register via the **Old Front Door** (Janitor’s entrance) for the starting time above. Any parents/carers wishing to drop their young person off at the school should not drive into the school grounds but should drop the young person outside the gate. Pupils will be welcomed and registered at the door before being allowed to go directly to their classroom, socially distanced (2m).

Does my child need to stay in school all day?

No. Pupils are only required to stay in the building for the period of their practical learning, unless they use the school bus (see below). At the end of the block, pupils should exit the school through the same door they entered, and return home directly. Pupils are expected to be fully engaged with their learning online when they are not attending practical lessons in the school building.

My child usually gets a bus. What happens?

Any pupil who usually takes a school bus, should continue to do this. Any pupil who is timetabled to attend an afternoon session can still come to school via the bus **as usual in the morning**. On arrival they will be allowed to do their online learning from the school until their practical learning begins. Similarly, any Morning-Session pupil who normally takes a school bus home will be allowed to remain in the school for online learning in the afternoon until it is time for their bus to leave.



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Safety in school

The First Minister was clear in her expectation that all adults and young people in schools, even in school transport, must adhere to the basic safety rules for COVID. If anyone experiences any symptoms, they must NOT attend school and follow the normal process for booking a test. When in school, all young people must commit to keeping a 2m distance, avoiding physical contact, wear a mask and ensuring good hand washing/sanitising. Please discuss with your young person prior to attending school next week.

Which pupils should come in next week?

All pupils who are required to attend will be informed directly through MS Teams, and they will receive an email to their Glow address to confirm these details. *Any pupil who doesn't receive a notification to attend school, should NOT come to school next week and must continue to engage fully with their learning through Teams.* Any pupil who thinks they should be able to attend at this time, but hasn't received notification, they should contact their class teacher or Pupil Support teacher through Teams.

Extra provision for pupils with ASN

The First Minister also made a statement regarding school provision for young people with Additional Support Needs. To clarify this, only young people with severe and complex additional support needs are returning to school from Monday 22nd, within ASN school settings. Therefore, this does not apply to young people from Taylor High School.

COVID-19 Home Testing Kits

To support our continued safety, all young people returning to school can take part in the home COVID testing programme. On Monday, and throughout next week, a member of staff will distribute consent forms, which must be returned to the school before testing kits can be issued. If any young person wishes to take part in the voluntary programme, they should pick up a consent form and parent information letter next week. Once returned, testing kits will be made available which should then be completed at home twice every week.

As more information and guidance is released, I will update you as soon as I possibly can.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul McWatt". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Paul McWatt
Head Teacher