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Dear Parent/Carer,

On Tuesday, 2 March 2021, the First Minister announced that all young people from S1 to S6 should have some time in school on each of the two weeks from 15 March 2021 up to the Easter break with priority being given to senior phase pupils (those in S4, S5 and S6) who are taking National Qualifications. A full return is planned for thereafter, scientific data permitting. All previous health and safety rules still apply and must be adhered to rigorously.

In addition, 2m distancing will apply to everyone without exception and, unless medically exempt, face masks must be worn by everyone at all times including during lessons. Our plan is to maximise our offering whilst working within safe boundaries. See attached presentation '**Return to School Safety Reminder – March 21**' for a recap of our health and safety rules. Please rehearse these with your son/daughter before they return to the school.

Learners in the Broad General Education S1, S2 and S3: will be in school for one day each week (i.e. on two occasions prior to the Easter break). They will either be invited in on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday according to the table below. A special induction programme will be delivered in the Assembly Hall on those particular days with a focus on reintegration and health and well-being.

Learners in the senior phase S4, S5 and S6: will be in school for two days each week. They will be invited into school on a Monday **and** Friday and will participate in the equivalent of four days of teaching over the fortnight. Young people will focus on continued preparation for national qualifications. In addition, certain learners in S4, S5 and S6 will continue to attend classes where they are undertaking essential practical activities over the course of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. These young people will be notified of the days on which they should attend with a focus on practical work associated with their national qualifications. For more information, please see the accompanying letter for Senior Phase learners, parents and carers.

How this will work in practice:

Dates	Mon 15 th & 22 nd March	Tue 16 th & 23 rd March	Wed 17 th & 24 th March	Thu 18 th & 25 th March	Fri 19 th & 26 th March
Arrival Time	9.15-9.30am				
Venue	Classrooms	Assembly Hall	Assembly Hall	Assembly Hall	Classrooms
Year Groups	S4, S5, S6	S1	S3	S2	S4, S5, S6
SQA Practical Groups		Information regarding attendance for these specific SQA subject groups is sent as a separate letter.			

Arrival times: In order to manage safe and staggered arrival times at school, young people are asked to arrive between 9.15 and 9.30am. Learners in S1, S2 and S3 will report to the Assembly Hall where they will be welcomed by a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Learners in S4, S5 and S6 will report to their first scheduled class where they will be welcomed by one of their subject teachers.

Remote learning will continue: and this plan will require all staff to return to school and consequently we will move to a blended model of learning. This will involve face to face interaction as well as work being posted on-line for young people to complete and, where possible, some remote live interactions. Teachers will be posting work and responding to remote learning enquiries between 9.00am and 9.30am Monday to Friday.

Emergency childcare hubs for keyworkers: We are pleased to continue to offer emergency childcare provision for those young people already enrolled in our school hub. This will be located in the secondary school library.

Catering arrangements: Please encourage your son/daughter to bring a snack and a packed lunch to minimise queues at the dining hall and remain within the school grounds at lunchtime. The dining hall will provide food which must be pre-ordered and paid for at the start of the school day.

Schools Asymptomatic Testing Programme: At present, we can invite any S4, S5 and S6 learner that has not already done so, to participate in the self-testing programme. Information regarding this programme has been distributed directly to students by Mrs Chambers on 9th March 2021 via email. Please contact the main school office if you have yet to receive this information.

School Transport: for those young people who usually travel to school by school bus, school transport will be running as normal. There will be a 1m social distance rule on school transport as well as mandatory face coverings unless exempt.

School Dress: I am sure it will come as no surprise to you that we expect our young people to arrive in school uniform and maintain our usual high standards of behaviour.

Information Sessions: We have planned virtual information assemblies for S1-3 on Friday 12th March at 9.00am and S4-6 at 9.15am. Invitations have already been set to all young people. In addition, we are holding a parent/carer virtual information event on Thursday, 11th March 2021 at 4.00pm. All are welcome to attend:

Topic: Return to School - Parent Information Session

Time: Mar 11, 2021 04:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76939582354?pwd=aVpCdzAvMUpPWXc0Sll0eE9zUWJwZz09>

Meeting ID: 769 3958 2354

Passcode: N6qHus

We are delighted to have the opportunity to re-engage with our young people to support their return to the school environment and improve their well-being. However, this must be done in a safe and controlled way to minimise the risk of infection from the Covid-19 virus and so I ask for your support in reinforcing the measures that must be adhered to. Your continued support with all of this is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Mrs T. Woods
Head Teacher