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Dear Parent / Carer

Following on from my letter earlier in the week informing you of the days your child(ren) will be in school I need to give you some more information regarding our return to the building.

## Timetable

From Monday we will be following our normal school timetable. This means that for our pupils in S1 to S3 periods 1 to 4 will now be taught periods meaning that for the next three weeks ALL pupils will follow their normal timetable period by period.

## School Uniform

Full school uniform should be worn, even on PE days. Since there will only be one third of pupils in school there is ample space for changing.

## Devices

Many of our Netbooks are currently at home with our young people to support access to online learning. For the next three weeks online learning at home will continue and so the netbooks will remain at home, however, can I please ask, that if your child has borrowed a device from school, that on their allocated in-school days, they bring their device, fully charged, to allow them to access any learning that will require a digital device.

## Transport

School transport will be running as normal. The 2m distancing requirement has been relaxed on school transport to 1m and masks MUST be worn.

## Social Distancing

Whilst inside the school building, we are all required to adhere to 2 metre social distancing. This applies to classrooms, corridors, social areas and the dining hall at interval and lunchtime too. From today, guidance from the Scottish Government has been relaxed and now allows for groups of up to four 12- to 17-year-olds to meet outside without the requirement to distance. This rule will apply for the next three weeks and we would appreciate it if you could actively encourage your child to spend as much of their interval and lunch as possible outside in the fresh air – weather permitting, of course!

## Lateral Flow Testing

As you may be aware, Lateral Flow Testing is currently available for all staff and senior pupils who

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wish to participate. This involves taking a Covid test twice weekly before coming to school and registering the result on the Government website. S4 to S6 pupils who are returning next week and have not already started the testing programme can collect and complete a consent form from the school office. A test kit can then be issued. The testing programme will be extended to ALL secondary pupils on their return to school after the Easter break. Whilst any pupil in S4 to S6 can complete their own consent form, if your child is in S1 to S3 then you are required to give consent. Consent Forms will be available from the school office. Whilst the testing programme is entirely voluntary, we would strongly encourage all staff and pupils entering the building to participate in the programme to ensure that we can keep all in our school community as safe possible.

### Teams Announcements

Can you please ensure that your child checks their year group Teams page for announcements daily? This is where we will post any information that they need to know for the next few weeks as they return to school.

Finally, I understand the past few months have not been easy, and my thanks go to you and our young people for your patience, understanding and resilience, in what has been the most challenging of times. We are very much looking forward to having them back in the building from Monday.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Take care and have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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