



19 February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

It seems incredible that we have only been back for just over three days and yet such a huge amount of work has been achieved. Next week sees the start of a number of different ways of working and I really appreciate how the whole school community have worked together to make this happen.

S1 and S2 Online Learning

As per my letter before the holidays, S1 and S2 students will have a mixture of online and independent learning from Monday 22 February. All students should follow their normal timetable and will be informed through Teams when live lessons will occur. We are providing a 50% online learning model to ensure the balance recommended by the Scottish Government as well as ensuring that we keep within the 20 hours of Learning@Home. Please note that Drama/Music Live lessons will take place during PE time.

S3 to S6 Online Learning

Please remember that S3-6 students will also be operating the 50% live lesson model, providing more time for independent learning and completion of tasks.

S4 to S6 Practical Coursework in school

There has been a separate communication regarding this and we look forward to welcoming senior students into the building next week to complete essential practical coursework only. Just a reminder that the timetable for this can be found on the school website.

S4 to S6 Asymptomatic Testing

Again, there has been a separate communication regarding this, but just a reminder that this testing is only for staff and senior students who are required to come into the building. It has been so encouraging to hear how positively both staff and student have reacted to this and how keen everyone is to take part to ensure that our school community is as safe as possible.

Assemblies

I have had a lovely start to each day this week meeting our students at assembly. I would, of course, prefer to see everyone in school but it was lovely to be able to interact and to provide feedback and updates. I look forward to meeting with our Senior and Junior Student Council reps next week too.

Parent and Carer Council

I also look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Parent and Carer Council Meeting on Monday at 6.30pm.

I do hope that the nicer weather continues over the weekend and that you have a chance to enjoy it. Next week is going to involve lots of new systems and routines so a good rest is going to be essential for us all.

So, please do take care, stay connected and, most importantly, stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Hazel Kinnear

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Hazel Kinnear', written in a cursive style.

Head Teacher