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TYNECASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to provide you with the arrangements for Blended Learning from Monday 15 March until Thursday 1 April inclusive as per the letter from Andy Gray (Head of Schools and Lifelong Learning) on Monday 8 March. You can view a copy of his letter by <u>clicking here</u>.

You will be aware that our offer is based on the Scottish Government Guidance for Inschool and Remote Learning and our own context.

Rationale

As you will be aware, time in school is to be prioritised for senior students with practical work, senior students with SQA coursework and then students in S1-3 to engage with their teachers, start seeing friends and for their wellbeing as well as learning. Our offer takes all of this into consideration, while supporting our online offer where possible too.

Please see below an outline of the offer for students. Each young person and their parent/carer will also receive a copy of their timetable by email.

S1-S3 Each class will attend for **a half day** each week as shown below.

Day	Classes	Time
Monday	3B2	9.35am – 12.05pm
	3D2	
	3T2	
Monday	1B2	12.50pm – 3.20pm
-	1D2	_
	1T2	
	1T3	
Tuesday	2B1	9.45am – 12.15pm
	2D1	
	2T1	
Tuesday	1B1	10.35am – 1.05pm
	1D1	
	1T1	
	1D3	
Thursday	3B1	8.40am – 11.10am
	3D1	

	3T1	
Thursday	2B2	12.15am – 2.40pm
	2D2	_
	2T2	

Students will be provided with a combination of PSE, PE and mostly literacy and numeracy lessons while in school.

Students should follow their normal timetable when not in school and attend live Teams lessons and complete classwork as they are doing currently.

Students should arrive at school 5 minutes before their allotted start time.

Students should attend school in comfortable, appropriate clothing for PE.

Students should enter and leave by the main entrance.

There will be no formal break time. Please ensure that your child has lunch before attending for an afternoon session.

Strict 2m distancing must be maintained between students and other students and staff at all times.

All students and staff must wear face coverings at all times.

S4 - S6

All S4-6 have been divided into three groups:

Group A	A-F surnames
Group B	G-M surnames
Group C	N-Z surnames

Each group will attend for **the entire day** as below:

Monday 15 th March	Tuesday 16 th March		Thursday 18 th
		March	March
A	В	С	A
Monday 22 nd	Tuesday 23 rd	Wednesday 24 th	Thursday 25 th
March	March	March	March
В	С	A	В
Monday 29 th March	Tuesday 30 th March	Wednesday 31st	Thursday 1st April
		March	
С	A	В	С

Students will **follow their normal timetable** on the day they attend. Over the three-week period all students will experience each day Mon-Thursday. Fridays 19th and 25th March will be untimetabled to allow for flexibility and completion of extra practical work by invitation.

Students will follow their normal timetable on days when they are not in school and will complete work set by their teachers or attend additional live lessons as appropriate.

Core subjects in school (RME, PSE and PE) will allow for extra time for students to complete coursework and/or study.

Please note that students with study periods at the beginning or the end of the day should come in late or leave early to complete this study at home.

Students should arrive between 8.30 am and 8.35 am for a prompt 8.40 am start in their period 1 class.

Students in S4-6 must come dressed in uniform from 15 March.

S4 students will enter the building through the Community Wing (Breakfast Club) and will leave through the main entrance.

S5/6 students will enter and leave by the main entrance.

All senior students must take break outside in the playground. Lunch can be taken outside in the playground or in the community. Students buying lunch or collecting a free school meal from the canteen must queue while maintaining a 2m distance.

Strict 2m distancing must be maintained between students and other students and staff at all times.

All students and staff must wear face coverings at all times.

I realise that this is a lot of information but we will support this by email, communication on our website and by sharing through Key Adult on Friday.

If you have any questions regarding any of this please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Do as always, take care, stay connected and, most importantly, stay safe.



Hazel Kinnear Head Teacher