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Dear Pupils and Parents/Carers

I hope you have had an enjoyable long weekend, staying safe and healthy, and are all ready and set for the start of our new timetable. All pupils now start as 'new' year groups with:

- ✓ new S2 continuing with their work
- ✓ new S3 starting on their subject choices and have been emailed their new timetable
- ✓ new S4 continuing in their new subject choices and have been emailed their new timetable
I would like to highlight the new S4 work being issued by the English Department which not only covers the Spoken Language Component for National 5 English, but it is also one of the mandatory units required to achieve our additional level 5 Scottish Studies Award – it needs to be completed in June.
- ✓ new S5 have already started their new timetable, with their timetable emailed as confirmation we are still working on trying to finalise a few pupils timetables
- ✓ new S6 have already started their new timetable, with their timetable emailed as confirmation we are still working on trying to finalise a few pupils timetables

As you know, I believe that routines are very important in maintaining balance and positivity. **Please keep doing the tasks sent out by your teachers, and keep in touch with them for help or to simply say that a task will be submitted a little later but that you are trying hard.** Your wellbeing is the priority; however we do need to keep trying to submit whatever work you can. Should you wish reassurance, or just need to 'talk' then please contact one of our Pupil Support Staff, or Year Heads – email addresses are on the school website – and they will get back to you by email or phone.

As you also know we have created a tracking spreadsheet covering all pupils, covering all subjects, and are asking teachers to update us in regard to pupils doing the work and engaging with their learning. Should a pupil not be engaging we will either contact them and/or parent/carer, or possibly visit the house, albeit with clear social distancing, in order to establish how we can help more. Again, I hope to visit some pupils this week to simply ask how things are going, and possibly hand out some resources/course work.

You may have heard Nicola Sturgeon last week, and possibly seen the detail on the Government's route map.

- Teachers and support staff returning in June to prepare for the new school term
- Continued childcare for key workers and vulnerable children in June and during the summer
- Transition support for children moving into primary one and secondary school
- All schools and nurseries reopening after the summer break
- A blended model of learning at school and at home for pupils from August **meaning that schools should start back, on probable year groups phased returns, in August, and be a mix of in school time and home learning. This is being planned, but it could change over the coming weeks.**

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On Thursday I am representing Renfrewshire Secondary Head Teachers, via Skype, on the 'Build back Better Governance Board', where all Heads of Services will be discussing their own areas of preparation for school buildings being a safe working environment. I will give you feedback on this meeting on Friday. **Meanwhile you may wish to look at the update from Steven Quinn which I have just uploaded to the school website.**

On Thursday I am also meeting, via Skype, our own Senior Pupil Council and then on Tuesday 2 June the Chair Mr Murray, and Vice Chair Mr MacDonald, of the Parent Council. I look forward to both meetings where we will further discuss the way ahead and how we support pupils and parents/carers as best we possibly can.

If you, or anyone else you are aware of, are unable to access on-line resources then please pick up ready made packs which we have left at Houston and Killellan Church, Houston, 01505 612 569 or email: gnoonan@churchofscotland.org.uk

Jotters – plain, lined, square – are also available from the Church, as well as a variety of other resources, including scales for HF&T work. More packs, with fresh materials, can be also made on request – via your Pupil Support Guidance Teacher.

We also have an 'Emergency Mobile' number **07709525951** that is in use between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm on any school day

Finally, please try your very best to do all your subject work, and take care.

Mr Colin Johnson
Head Teacher

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Did you know that there are loads of ways you can connect with Gryffe on social media, here are all our channels. Follow us to keep up to date with what we are doing whether it's live cooking demos with the HFT team on Instagram TV, watching demos from your Art teacher on YouTube or connecting with the Digital Learning Group who have shared some great advice on how to use all our online resources.

We might not be able to see you in class but that doesn't mean we can't stay connected.

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