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Gryffe High School, Level 1, 2020-2023

Dear S4, S5, S6 Pupils and Parents/Carers

The recent announcement from the First Minister, that **some Senior School Pupils will return to school**, to complete critical practical work in week beginning Monday 22 February, has certainly given us a challenge. However, our 'alternative timetable' will help us in this, and I wanted to highlight some particularly relevant information:

- This limited return of learners is for the purpose of completing the learning and teaching of critical practical work in relation to qualifications in 2021 that can only be carried out in school.
- Pupil numbers in school to undertake practical work at any one time should be no more than 5-8% of the secondary school roll. Children of key workers are not included within this 5-8%.
- The focus will be on supporting learning and teaching in subjects where there are the **highest levels** of practical work that require in-school facilities and **cannot** be undertaken remotely.
- Remote learning is still our primary delivery model in use.
- We will maintain our routines to meet and greet learners, adhere to 2 metre physical distancing, and ensure safe entrance and exit from the building. Appropriate pupils will come in for their allocated blocks only. Only a very few pupils will be in for morning and afternoon blocks – these pupils will have supervised breaks in the Games Hall.

I expect a further announcement, with possibly a little more detail, from the First Minister on Tuesday 16 February. Following that announcement, we aim to finalise our plans for some senior pupils returning to school to complete the learning and teaching of critical practical SQA work. For health and safety reasons pupils will not be permitted to leave the school campus while attending classes. I would still like to emphasise that in most of the named practical subjects, pupils, with the appropriate resources, may still be able to do their practical work at home.

On Wednesday 17 February we intend to issue a letter to pupils in S4, S5 and S6 which will clearly explain our plans for each practical subject. All pupils involved in this will be asked to collect a Covid self-testing kit from the school prior to attending school. We will also give further detail on this on Wednesday.

We continue to do all that we can to support all our pupils in their subjects. Although some pupils will return to school to complete critical SQA practical work, online learning will continue as it is at the moment. You will be aware from my last update that the SQA stated that the final date for schools to submit provisional grades has been moved to Friday 18 June 2021, which allows further time for learning and teaching, including assessment and moderation within schools and across the local authority.

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Calendar/Reports

We are making adjustments to our calendar on an ongoing basis.

Over the remainder of February and March we will continue to focus on Learning and Teaching, including continuing to cover our curriculum.

S4 The S4 Reports were issued online on Monday, 1 February 2021.

A trial Online Options Form was sent to S4 pupils via a link on SMHW. This was to provide us with an early opportunity to identify any potential course choice difficulties. We are still chasing up returns from 28 pupils as without these we will not be able to accurately plan for a new timetable. We aim to have an online S4 into S5 and an S5 into S6 Information Evening on Thursday 25 March. This will enable us to discuss option choices further and provide an opportunity for pupils to finalise their option choices.

S5/6 A trial Online Options Form was sent to S5 pupils via a link on SHHW. This was to provide us with an early opportunity to identify any potential course choice difficulties. We are still chasing up returns from 34 pupils as without these we will not be able to accurately plan for a new timetable. We aim to have an online S4 into S5 and S5 into S6 Information Evenings on Thursday 25 March. These will enable us to discuss option choices further and provide an opportunity for pupils to finalise their option choices.

Additional Resources

Some Departments have asked pupils to collect materials from the school, and some pupils may need general packs of resources like jotters, pens, rulers, paper, etc. These resources can be collected from the outside door that leads into the S6 social area – next to the main entrance. It is clearly marked as the collection point. We would ask that pupils/parents/carers please **collect from there any time, Monday to Friday, between 3:00 – 4:00 pm.**

Parent/Carer survey regarding online learning.

The local authority issued a survey to parents/carers regarding online learning, and as a school we have been given a copy of comments from Gryffe parents/carers. We thank so many of you for your very positive comments however we also wish to pick up on anything that we can improve on. A few comments stated lack of IT or Wi-Fi, and a few talked about little individual support for pupils' wellbeing. **Could I please ask parents/carers to contact us about any concerns and see if we can work together in solving them?** The survey was anonymous so we can't contact anyone who raised a concern. **Please email us, or phone us, and we will do our very best to support in whatever way we can.** Contact details of Senior Management Team, Pupil Support staff and Subject Faculty Heads can be found on page 3 of this update.

Please continue to take care and stay safe

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If any pupil is finding things a little difficult, or just wants to talk, then please contact one of us.

We are here for you, and as I hope you know **CARING** always comes first.

Contact details of Senior Management Team, Pupil Support staff and subject Faculty Heads.

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