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Dear Parent/Carer

Head Teacher's Update – Friday 19 February 2021

I write to update you on the following issues:

- **Senior Phase Practical Classes – reminders**
- **School Transport**
- **Schools Asymptomatic Testing Programme – reminder and links**
- **Farewell to Miss Howard Drum House**

Senior Phase Practical Classes – reminders

How will pupils know when to come to school?

The rota with names was posted in the year group Google Classrooms on Tuesday and reminders will be sent/communicated by class teachers. Young people must take responsibility for checking the rota and ensuring they come to school on the appropriate day: if they are not sure they should contact their class teacher. The schedule runs over a two-week cycle: please note that in some cases teachers only require one or sessions for young people to attend school to complete work.

Mitigations in place

The following mitigations will be in place and the school Risk Assessment has been updated accordingly. **NB. Young People are not returning to school buildings under the same conditions as they did in August 2020.** The Scottish Government has detailed the strict Covid-19 mitigations which **must** be followed and are included in the information below.

The guidance states that schools can only take in between 5 to 8% of its school roll for the number of S4 to S6 learners who can attend. In order to meet these restrictions, we will operate the following model:

1. Young people will be in class only from 08.45 – 13.05.
2. School Transport: see below for further details. Young people must be 2m apart on school transport and wear a face covering.
3. Young people using public transport will be required to follow all regulations including the wearing of a face covering.

4. Designated entrances/exits must be used – ones closest to the faculties to minimise contact with others in the building. See below.
5. Young people should arrive in time for the 08.45 start and must maintain 2 metre distance from one another on their way to class.
6. Strict handwashing/sanitising and desk cleaning routines will be in place as they were from August to December.
7. All Senior Phase pupils and their teachers must wear face coverings for the duration of lessons. We will give all teachers a supply of blue, fluid resistant masks so that senior pupils can wear these. They offer more protection to the wearer. If a young person is exempt that exemption will remain in place.
8. Teachers **must** maintain a 2-metre distance between themselves and young people and young people are expected to respect that requirement.
9. Young people **must** always maintain a 2-metre distance between themselves and other young people in and around the school building as well as in the community including on the way to and from school.
10. Teachers must have a seating plan for each lesson or one for every lesson with this group of young people and keep to this arrangement. Young people are expected to comply with this.
11. Breaks will be taken in the classroom.
12. Access to the toilet will be as and when required to minimise number of young people in toilets. Teachers will draw young people's attention to the maximum numbers in allowed in each toilet block.
13. Ventilation: previous advice about having at least one window open to provide adequate ventilation will apply.
14. Young people should wear appropriate clothing for the activities in which they are participating. Full school uniform is not required.
15. Young people can take snacks into school and will be permitted to eat them in the classroom during a break determined by the teacher.
16. Young people should bring their own drinking water with them. The school fountains can only be used to fill water bottles. Some classrooms have a drinking water supply.

Entrance/Exit Points to be used by S4 to S6 Pupils

Subject	Door
Art & Design	S2 door at the Art Department
Drama	Drama Studio Fire Exit
Graphic Communication	S5 door beside the Library
Home Economics	S3 door outside G10
Music	S4 door beside GP2
Photography	S2 door at the Art Department
Practical Woodworking	S5 door beside the Library

The rota is reproduced below for your information.

Two Week Rota from 22 February until Further Notice

WEEK A (See Google Classrooms for names in Group A)

Monday

Music Advanced Higher Column A (Mrs Forbes) – All Pupils
Practical Cookery Nat 5/Nat 4 Column C (Miss Clarke) – Group A
Practical Woodworking Nat 5 Column C (Mrs Essiet) – Group A

Tuesday

Art & Design Nat 5 Column E (Miss Crawford) – Group A
Music Nat 5 Column E (Mrs Forbes) – All Pupils
Graphic Communication Nat 5 Column E (Mr Ness) – Group A
Practical Cookery Nat 5 Column E (Miss Morton) – Group A

Wednesday

Graphic Communication Higher Column F (Mrs Essiet) – All Pupils
Art & Design Nat 5 Column F (Miss Crawford) – Group A
Music Higher Column F (Mrs Thomson) – All Pupils
Practical Cookery Nat 5 Column F (Miss Clarke) – Group A

Thursday

Drama Nat 5 Column D (Miss James) – All Pupils
Art & Design Nat 5 Column D (Mrs Redpath) – Group A
Photography Higher Column D (Miss Crawford) – All Pupils

Friday

Art & Design Advanced Higher Column B (Miss Crawford) – All Pupils
Drama Higher Column B (Miss James) – All Pupils
Drama Advanced Higher Column B (Miss James) – All Pupils
Music Nat 5 Column D (Mrs Thomson) – All Pupils

WEEK B (See Google Classrooms for names in Group B)

Monday

Music Advanced Higher Column A (Mrs Forbes)
Practical Cookery Nat 5/Nat 4 Column C (Miss Clarke) – Group B
Practical Woodworking Nat 5 Column C (Mrs Essiet) – Group B

Tuesday

Art & Design Nat 5 Column E (Miss Crawford) – Group B
Music Nat 5 Column E (Mrs Forbes) – All Pupils
Graphic Communication Nat 5 Column E (Mr Ness) – Group B
Practical Cookery Nat 5 Column E (Miss Morton) – Group B

Wednesday

Graphic Communication Higher Column F (Mrs Essiet) – All Pupils
Art & Design Nat 5 Column F (Miss Crawford) – Group B
Music Higher Column F (Mrs Thomson) – All Pupils
Practical Cookery Nat 5 Column F (Miss Clarke) – Group B

Thursday

Drama Nat 5 Column D (Miss James) – All Pupils
Art & Design Nat 5 Column D (Mrs Redpath) – Group B
Photography Higher Column D (Miss Crawford) – All Pupils

Friday

Art & Design Advanced Higher Column B (Miss Crawford) – All Pupils
Drama Higher Column B (Miss James) – All Pupils
Drama Advanced Higher Column B (Miss James) – All Pupils
Music Nat 5 Column D (Mrs Thomson) – All Pupils

School Transport

From Monday 22 February the Aberdeenshire Transport Unit has asked its contractors to run all school transport to allow for 2m social distancing.

- Journey to School
Buses will now collect pupils from all the usual pick up points at the normal times. “*Usual pick up points*” refers to those used August to January not those which might have been in place from January. This will include senior phase pupils, vulnerable learners and the children of key workers.
- Journey Home
Senior Phase Pupils will be picked up at lunch time for the journey home and dropped off at normal points.
- Vulnerable learners and the children of key workers will be picked up at the close of school: 15.55 (Monday and Tuesday) and 14.55 (Wednesday to Friday).

Schools’ Asymptomatic Testing Programme

See HT letter dated 16 February for full details. For ease, the links you may need are reproduced below.

1. If your child wishes to participate in testing, and you are content for them to do so, please complete the online Consent Form below. **Please note that young people over 16 should complete this form on their own behalf.**

<https://forms.gle/CkHtyUuTU3D6JhUP7>

2. Ask your child to book a slot for collection of test kits.

Link to Pupil Test Collection Schedule 1
18 and 19 February

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-JO4jAez872zEoAq9jcOl2DnpDmFEjuOlSx-mD366kA/edit?usp=sharing>

Link to Pupil Test Collection Schedule 2
22 and 23 February

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10tILpRTsUbvIOKy_u1plzvceY6Ai8zDG-LLosTOz5A8/edit?usp=sharing

The links are accessible by pupils as long as they are logged in to Google Classroom or their Gmail account with their Aberdeen City Google credentials.

Additional information on the testing programme is contained in a “Frequently Asked Questions” appendix at the end of this letter,

I must remind you that, at this stage, testing is restricted to staff and senior pupils (S4 – S6) who will be working in school. I will continue to communicate with you as

we work with the Scottish Government and ACC to implement the Schools Asymptomatic Testing Programme.

Farewell to Miss Howard Drum House

Today is Miss Howard's last day with us. She arrived in school last spring – just in time to go into the first lockdown. She leaves us to take up a permanent post as Principal Teacher of Guidance in another city school. The school community has thanked her for her hard work and support of the pupils in Drum House in this challenging and very different year.

Contact with School

You can telephone or email the school to let us know of any concerns you have or to alert us to your child not being able to take part in on-line learning due to illness. Please note that the school office is staffed on a minimal basis by rota and that phone calls may not be answered as quickly as normal.

When emailing please provide your child's name and registration class and a note of the nature of the concern so it can be forwarded appropriately.

Pastoral Care

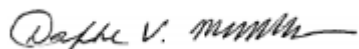
Crathes House	Mrs Napier
Drum House	Miss Smith
Fyvie House	Mrs Marshall

Year Heads

S1 and S2	Mr Haggarty
S3 and S4	Mrs Cruickshank
S5 and S6	Mr Jamieson

I hope that you all continue to be well and, as always, please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs D McWilliam
Head Teacher