Linwood High School

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Children's Services

Dear Parent/Carers

Phased return to school

I hope this finds you and your family well. An announcement was made on Tuesday to allow small groups of senior phase learners (S4 to S6) to return to school from Monday 22nd February. I hope to provide you with some important information in relation to how this will operate within Linwood High School.

Subjects Involved

We are only allowed 5-8% of our school roll in at any one time and only to perform practical tasks for subjects that cannot be done at home therefore the following subjects will be providing some inschool provision.

- Administration & IT N5 & Higher
- Art & Design N5, Higher & AH
- Computing N5
- French N5, speaking (times TBC)
- Graphic Communication N5 & Higher
- Music N5 & Higher
- PE N5 (limited due to current restrictions)
- Practical Cake craft N5
- Practical Cookery N5 (times TBC)
- Practical Metalworking N5
- Practical Woodworking N5
- National Progression Awards in various practical subjects

Timetable

AS you will understand with limited numbers allowed in school, we have had to split classes and produce a timetable to best accommodate all subject areas. Pupils will be attending at their allocated time and day slot only and must leave the school once their teaching block is over. Full timetable information is on our school website and your child's year group Teams. Please let the office know if your child is unable to attend any of their timetabled classes in school.

Uniform

All pupils must wear full school uniform whilst attending their teaching block. If that block is PE, then pupils should come in their PE kit. Changing rooms will **not** be open and an outdoor jacket may be required.

Safety Measures

Pupils must adhere to all the strict risk assessment measures the school has in place. Pupils will be welcomed into the school from the front senior door where masks must be worn and hands sanitised. A **2-metre distance must be kept between pupils and between pupils and staff.** Pupils distancing from each other **at all times** is a new measure that we must adhere to. This is in corridors, classrooms and entering/exiting the school. There will be no social time in the school, however the canteen can provide 'grab and go' food and drinks.

Remote Learning

For all pupils remote learning will continue to take place. S1 to S3 will follow their timetables as normal and S4 to S6, where possible, the timetable will run as planned. We are aware however there will be some disruption with those that have practical teaching within the school. Key worker children in school will continue to engage remotely with their learning and with practical lessons where appropriate.

Lateral Flow Test Kits

As previously advised all staff and senior phase pupils can participate in lateral flow testing. This is a twice weekly test for people who are showing no coronavirus symptoms. We have been issuing kits this week and please contact us should your child in S4 to S6 wish to collect test kits. A consent form must be signed and if under 16 signed by a parent or guardian. A negative lateral flow result does not change any of our risk reduction measures such as face masks, distancing, and good hygiene. If your child is showing any coronavirus symptoms, please do not send them to school; they must self-isolate and book a test.

As ever can I thank you for your support, patience and understanding as we navigate our way through these challenging times. Please get in touch with any query you may have.

Yours faithfully

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