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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this finds you and your family well. As we approach the Easter break, I would like to update you on a few areas. Our term ends at **2.30 pm on Thursday 1st April 2021**. It has been a challenging term balancing blended learning and young people returning to school on a part-time basis. I speak for all staff when I say it has been wonderful having all year groups back into Linwood High School over the last few weeks. We wish we could have had more time with our young people however we are looking forward to what we hope is a return of all year groups to school on Monday 19th April 2021 on a full time-table.

Pupil Return Arrangements

Our current planning is for **all pupils to return to school at 8:50am on Monday 19 April**. Pupils will return to their normal period by period timetables, and the school day will be back to our usual timings: 8:50am - 3:40pm on a Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 8:50am - 2:50pm on a Wednesday and Friday. Canteen provision will return to normal and **full school uniform** must be worn. All our health and safety measures to mitigate risk will remain in place however the strict 2 metre distancing between pupils will be removed.

Easter Senior School Programme

For our senior pupils we are offering an Easter, in school revision programme. All S4, 5 & 6 pupils have been given the chance to sign up for learning blocks over 6 days of the Easter break and we have been delighted with the response from students. The adherence to 2 metre distancing between pupils, mask wearing, and hand sanitising will be in place over this time in school.

S4, S5 and S6 SQA Qualifications

As you are aware, the examinations for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher have been cancelled and an Alternative Certification Model is in place. Teachers at Linwood High School will be working closely with our senior students to determine their provisional results by the end of June 2021.

To do this, schools have been asked to gather assessment evidence for each senior student in N5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses which will be collated by the teachers to determine grades. We have put together an assessment calendar for senior pupils to make them aware of which assessments they will be doing and when. All assessments will be completed in class time and take place in April, May and early June 2021.

The assessment calendar is provisional at the moment and full details will be posted on year group teams and our school website. We also want to encourage all our senior pupils to use their time as best they can and continue their revision and studying for these very important assessments.

For Pupils studying other courses such as National 3 and 4, their class teacher will work with them to determine when best to sit their class assessments.

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Pupils in S1 to S3

S1, S2 and S3 pupils will be returning to school on a full-time basis and must be prepared to work hard in classes to ensure a smooth transition into their courses for session 2021/2022.

Asymptomatic Testing

As previously advised Lateral Flow Device Testing is extended to all pupils in S1 to S6. All S1 to S3 pupils who returned consent forms have been issued with their testing kits in preparation for return on the 19th of April. There is no requirement for pupils to test over the Easter holidays however those attending our Easter School should continue to take their tests. All pupils should commence the tests in the second week so that individuals have had 2 negative LFD tests before they return to school. This will ensure that we are minimising the spread of COVID-19 and that asymptomatic carriers can isolate and prevent any further spread of coronavirus. Should your child have a positive lateral flow test over Easter your child should self-isolate and book a full PCR test. On return, please do not send your child to school if they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms; a new persistent cough, fever, or loss of smell/and or taste.

Can I thank you for your patience and understanding over the last few months. I wish you all a restful and safe Easter break. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully



Gillian Macartney