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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this finds you and your family well. As you will be aware the First Minister announced last week details around the next phase of the reopening of schools. From Monday 15 March onwards, there will be some remote learning and some in school teaching for all pupils, with priority given to senior phase pupils who are taking national qualifications. I would like to update you on the plans for next week.

Normal timetable will be suspended, and we are running two learning blocks each day.

Block 1 - 9am to 11.30am

Block 2 - 12.30pm to 3pm

Detailed below are the days that S1 to S3 pupils will be in school from Monday 15th until Thursday 1st April 2021.

S1	Tuesday pm, block 2 – 12.30pm to 3pm Thursday am, block 1 – 9am to 11.30am
S2	Tuesday am, block 1 – 9am to 11.30am Wednesday pm, block 2 12.30pm to 3pm
S3	Wednesday am, block 1 9am to 11.30am Thursday pm, block 2 – 12.30pm to 3pm

Pupil Return Arrangements

All pupils will therefore have **two in-school learning blocks each week** spread over two days. Within the block they will have two learning experiences. A snack and water will be delivered to their classroom during their learning block. No pupils will be in school over lunchtime, however a limited 'grab and go' canteen provision will be available if required.

Full school uniform will require to be worn at all times. There will be no need for PE clothing.

Pupils in S1 to S3 should gather outside the school building in the junior playground area whereby they will be welcomed into the school in small groups to go through health and safety measures.

Health and safety measures

There are new measures in place for all pupils.

- **A 2-metre distance must be maintained between pupils and between pupils and staff.** This is in place in all areas of the school including the classrooms
- **All pupils from S1 to S6 must wear a face mask** when in the school building unless they are medically exempt. This includes classrooms, corridors, and communal areas.

Existing health and safety measures.

- All pupils must sanitise or wash their hands before entering the school, and when entering and exiting classrooms.

- Pupils will be required to sanitise their desks and chairs when they leave the classroom.
- Additional day cleaning staff will be continuously cleaning all areas of the school throughout the day in addition to the usual morning/evening cleaning regime.
- Pupils must be dropped off outside the school gates. **There is no entry to school grounds by parents/carers to drop off or collect pupils unless by prior arrangement.**

Symptoms of COVID 19

Noted below are the symptoms of COVID 19

- a new persistent cough
- fever
- a loss of sense of smell and/or taste

Please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any of these symptoms. If whilst in school a pupil shows any of these symptoms, they should alert their teacher and support will be provided.

Remote Learning

When your child is not attending school there will still be remote learning provided. This will be affected however by teachers delivering in-school and remote learning therefore the original timetable will not operate. Your child will be notified by their teacher via Teams what learning is to be completed. Full details of our remote learning provision, resources and how to access Teams is on our website www.linwoodhigh.renfrewshire.sch.uk Learning @ home 2021 tab. You will also find details of the National on- line offer for S1 to S3 for the month of March.

Asymptomatic Testing

Staff and senior phase pupils who have been attending school have participated in twice weekly at home lateral flow testing. This is a test for people showing no coronavirus symptoms. If a person tests positive in the lateral flow test, then they must self-isolate and book a Covid-19 test at a testing centre. The offer of Lateral flow testing is now to be extended to all pupils in S1 to S6 after the Easter break. I will provide details of how this will operate prior to the holidays.

Can I thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate our way through this challenging time. It is hoped that after the Easter break we will be welcoming all our pupils back on a full-time basis. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully



Head Teacher