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Children's Services

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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 arrangements from Monday 15th until Thursday 1st April 2021.

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| S4 | Pupils attend school for am or pm learning slot daily |
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| S5/6 | Pupils attend school for am or pm learning slot daily (S6 pupils do not attend school for study periods) |
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Pupil Return Arrangements

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. Full timetable information will be on our school website and your child's year group Teams. Pupils will be attending at their **allocated time and day slot only** and must leave the school once their teaching block is over. No pupils will be in school over lunchtime, however there will be a limited 'grab and go' canteen provision. Water and a snack will be provided in the classroom during the learning block. Please let the office know if your child is unable to attend any of their timetabled classes in school.

Full school uniform will require to be worn at all times.

Pupils in S4 to S6 should gather outside the school building near the front senior entrance where they will be welcomed into the school in small groups to go through health and safety measures and attend their learning block.

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.

Asymptomatic Testing

Staff and senior phase pupils attending school have been participating 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. All pupils in S4 to S6 can take part in this testing. Please contact the school to arrange the completion of a consent form and collection of testing kit if you haven't done so already.

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