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Dear Parent/Carer

Return to School

In this letter, we will share our arrangements for the return of pupils to Holy Rood from Monday 15 March. These arrangements are based on the Scottish Government and City of Edinburgh Council guidelines and take account of our school context. For the next 3 weeks up until the Easter holiday which begins on Friday 2 April, pupils will spend some time learning in school with teachers and some time at home continuing with remote learning.

Please ensure that your son/daughter takes a note of when he/she is expected in school. The alphabetical groupings are based on **SURNAME**.

Arrangements for S4-6 Pupils

During this period of Transition, we have made arrangements for Senior pupils in S4-6 to attend one full week in school over the 3 week period, with the exception of Group C who will complete 4 full days given that we break up for the Easter holiday on Thursday 1 April. This is in line with the government guidelines to prioritise the teaching of S4-6 SQA subjects.

For S4-6 pupils, all live teaching will now take place in school and teachers will offer resources and tasks on Teams so that remote learning supplements the in-school offer. Please note that feedback and any follow-up work/tasks will be provided for pupils when they attend school. In some cases, paper resources may be provided to facilitate follow-up tasks.

It is crucial that S4-6 pupils complete all tasks and assignments as this will have a direct impact on their ability to progress with their learning and prepare them for assessments post- Easter. Pupils will be given more information about this over the next 3 weeks and this will also be shared with parents and carers.

SENIOR PHASE S4-6 RETURN TO SCHOOL - GROUPINGS ARE BASED ON SURNAME					
Week 1	Monday 15 March	Tuesday 16 March	Wednesday 17 March	Thursday 18 March	Friday 19 March
S4-6	GROUP A S4 A-F S5/6 A-G	GROUP B S4 G-M S5/6 H-M	GROUP C S4 N-Z S5/6 N-Z	GROUP A S4 A-F S5/6 A-G	GROUP B S4 G-M S5/6 H-M
Week 2	Monday 22 March	Tuesday 23 March	Wednesday 24 March	Thursday 25 March	Friday 26 March
S4-6	GROUP C S4 N-Z S5/6 N-Z	GROUP A S4 A-F S5/6 A-G	GROUP B S4 G-M S5/6 H-M	GROUP C S4 N-Z S5/6 N-Z	GROUP A S4 A-F S5/6 A-G
Week 3	Monday 29 March	Tuesday 30 March	Wednesday 31 March	Thursday 1 April	HOLIDAY
S4-6	GROUP B S4 G-M S5/6 H-M	GROUP C S4 N-Z S5/6 N-Z	GROUP A S4 A-F S5/6 A-G	GROUP B S4 G-M S5/6 H-M	HOLIDAY

Important Information

- All pupils are expected to wear full school uniform and arrive prepared for the school day with resources required.
- Pupils will be invited to enter the building in order by year group from S6 to S1.
- S1-3 pupils will leave 5 minutes before the end of the school day.
- We will be operating a canteen service at break and lunch time, however, to save queuing, you may wish to provide your child with a packed lunch.
- Pupils will be expected to be outside as much as possible at breaks and lunch times.
- All PE provision will be planned to take place outdoors unless inclement weather means this is not practical. Pupils will complete any written work in indoor classroom spaces.

Attendance

Attendance procedures will operate as normal and so please inform us if your son/daughter is unwell. We expect those pupils who are learning at home to check in daily via a Form which will be available on MS TEAMS within the newly added registration section or via the school website. This will be used to confirm daily attendance with remote learning, and we would be most grateful for your support in ensuring that this is completed.

Pick Up/Drop Off

Parents and carers are reminded that they should not pick up or drop off their child in the school car park. We also ask that you assist us by not parking close to the school. School buses will operate as normal, and there are likely to be more buses in the car park given the 1m physical distancing will be in place on school transport.

Communication

You are respectfully reminded that due to the current circumstances, access for parent and carers will be restricted to maintain the safety of everyone and will be by appointment/invitation only. If you wish to arrange a phone appointment with your child's Year Head, or if you have a query, please contact the school.

Health and Safety

We would like to remind parents and pupils of the important health and safety measures in place:

- All pupils are expected to wear face coverings in school and on transport (unless proof of exemption is communicated in a parental letter)
- 2 metre physical distancing must be adhered to in all areas of the school
- Pupils are expected to use hand sanitiser on arrival to school and before entering each class
- A one-way system is in operation throughout the school and should be followed at all times

Health and Wellbeing

Pupils will be given the opportunity to reconnect with their peers and teachers whilst being supported to consolidate and move forward in their learning.

Your child's health and wellbeing is very important to us and please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate Year Head if you have any concerns or wish to pass on any important information which will help us support your child to the best of our ability.

Finally, your help would be appreciated in reminding your child of the importance of respectful behaviour in his/her interactions with peers and staff.

We are very much look forward to seeing our pupils in Holy Rood once again next week.

Your sincerely

Joan Daly
Head Teacher