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Dear Parent/Carer

UPDATE ON SCHOOL RE-OPENING

As you may have read in the letter from our Director, or from listening to the news, it is very much the expectation that all pupils will return to school from Monday, 12th April. We go on holiday today, so I need to write with some information about what will happen from the 12th of April if everything goes ahead as planned:

Timetable – we will be back to normal as from 9.00a.m. on Monday the 12th April. The odd/even system will be over and we will be back to the normal, full weekly timetable.

Uniform – pupils should return to wearing full school uniform please. The building will be well ventilated, so a warm jumper or jacket is recommended, which can be worn in class if the pupil feels cold with windows open. Face coverings should be considered as part of our uniform, and unless exempt, must be worn at all times and should only be removed when eating and drinking

PE – we still cannot do PE indoors and changing rooms are not yet back in use, so pupils who have PE should come to school in their PE kit (bearing in mind, to have a warm jumper or jacket as mentioned above)

Seniors at lunch time – pupils will once again be allowed off site at lunch time if they wish. Pupils must remember that in shops and in public, away from the school, government guidance must be followed. Face coverings are required in any local business and pupils need to be two metres distant from one another on the pavement and in shops and socially distant from members of the public. This is difficult for pupils, because of the different rules inside of school, but all these rules still apply beyond the school gate. Pupils should not be in large groups (no more than 8) wherever they are outwith school. I also remind Seniors to be back promptly for the bell.

Devices – these will be very helpful to all pupils, so if you are confident they can safely bring a device to school, that will be helpful

Mobile Phones – our normal rules will slot back into place. Mobile phones should be in bags, on silent throughout the school day. Only if a teacher asks them to be used should they be anywhere other than school bags. They are once again, not permitted at social times (break and lunch)

Zones – pupils should arrive and spend break and lunch in their year group zones:

S1 – arrive in the PE doors and use the Dining Hall

S2 – arrive in the PE doors and use the Assembly Hall

S3 – arrive in the PE doors and use the Games Hall

S4-6 – arrive in the Social Area and use the Social Area

One-way system – this is still in operation and pupils should continue to follow the one-way system to help with safe movement around the building

Self-test kits – senior pupils who have completed a consent form and junior pupils who have a parental consent form completed will be able to collect additional test kits from their zone at various points in the week. Those who have not yet returned their consent forms to collect their first kit, please bring this along with you and a kit will be issued.

A reminder that should any COVID symptoms present – new continuous cough, high temperature or loss or change to sense of smell or taste – pupils should self-isolate and book a COVID test.

It has been really lovely to see everyone again over the past fortnight and we are really looking forward to getting back to a more normal feel to school life. I hope you get the chance to enjoy some kind of break or rest over the coming fortnight,

Stay safe.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Asher', written in a cursive style.

Brian Asher
Headteacher