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Dear Parent/Guardian

We are really looking forward to having our young people back in school next week. All pupils S1 to S6 have been placed in Group A or B and should attend on the dates allocated. As staff will now be back in school full time and be fully class committed, online learning will cease. Homework to compliment the learning in school will be uploaded. Senior pupils must be in to complete courses and essential extended assessments; will determine their final SQA provisional grade – attendance is essential to pass qualifications.

Safety in school is an absolute priority as the new strain of the virus is virulent and spreads quickly. Lateral Flow tests are available for young people in S4-6; these should be collected from the school when the consent form has been returned and testing should take place at home on a Monday and Thursday. If your child tests positive, they should stay home and isolate and arrange a PCR test.

When the bell goes for the start of the school day, pupils should **go to their first period class** and NOT ELOS.

Face masks have to be worn in school at all times; young people should ensure that they cover both the nose and the mouth. 2m social distancing should be maintained at all times and pupils should move from class to class in single file along corridors. The one way system should be followed at all times. Hand sanitising and cleaning protocols should be followed in all classes and on entry and exit to buildings. Please discuss this with your child and ask that they follow these rules to protect all of us.

Windows in classes will be open to enable classrooms to be well ventilated; they will be cold so please ask your child to wear warm clothing. During breaks and lunch, young people will be outside so please have a rain jacket for inclement weather. We want our young people to remain on campus rather than go home or down the town but I am aware that we cannot control this and can only ask for your support in this matter.

NEW SCHOOL

Building works for the new school has now started. They have demolished an out building to enable an access road. The astro pitch will be removed shortly and ground work has started on the rugby pitch at the rear of the building. For health and safety reasons, pupils are not allowed around the rear of the building or onto the astro-turf during breaks. Pupils can use the outside space at the seated area in the front of the surestart building and at the area at the front of the school office. Boarding will be erected next week to section this area off from the rest of the

school. Phase 1 of the building will start in August and the new all-weather pitch should be ready for use by the school at this time.

COVID REMINDER:

If your child has symptoms: a high temperature, a new and continuous cough or the loss/change to taste and smell then you should keep them at home and arrange to have a test done. Please inform the school that they are being tested and inform us of the results when they arrive. If the test is negative, your child can return to school.

If someone else in the household has symptoms and is being tested, please keep your child at home. Please inform the school that testing is being carried out and let us know the results. If the result is negative, your child can return to school immediately.

Please ensure that **all your contact details are update to date**, including home and mobile telephone numbers. Please remind your child to pack their face mask and pencil case as it minimises the use of resources in classes and prevents the spread of this virus.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any matters of concern that you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher