



1st September 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. Please find enclosed a copy of your child's timetable for this academic year. Can I please ask you to look over this with your son/daughter and get in touch with Mrs Lindsay if there is anything that you would like to chat through. We are due to conclude our Return to School Timetable, which has focused on Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing, on Wednesday 2nd of September. Our new Timetable will therefore begin on Thursday 3rd September 2020.

Please note that, unfortunately, due to current national guidance, we are unable to offer Home Economics at the moment. Ms Ballantyne will instead be teaching Fashion and Textiles to all S1 - S3 pupils. If the advice to schools changes we will let you know what our arrangements for Home Economics will be.

PE will continue to take place outside for the foreseeable future and we would ask that pupils continue to wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have PE. On days of poor weather Mr Cox, our PE teacher, will plan a classroom based lesson for pupils.

As part of our school risk assessment for our main building, pupils will remain in their tutor classrooms for all lessons except Fashion and Textiles, Art, Music and Science thus minimizing their movement around the school. We will continue with staggered break and lunch times to manage the number of pupils who will be out of their classes in social groupings at the one time or in the corridors. Infection control measures will be put in place in the classrooms for practical subjects after each class leaves the room.

As you know, we are extremely fortunate to have such rich urban and rural environments on our doorstep. Since pupils' learning experiences can be enhanced by maximising the potential of the outdoors, I am delighted to inform you that in addition to a Wider Achievement afternoon we have also introduced an Outdoor Learning afternoon. Mr Thompson has recently been appointed as our Outdoor Learning Coordinator and will be putting together a whole package of activities for pupils in our BGE. Learning outdoors can be enjoyable, creative, challenging and adventurous. In these difficult times, we are mindful that it can also be very beneficial for our mental health and wellbeing.

Across the school the infection control measures we have introduced are discussed with pupils on a daily basis during their Lifeskills classes. We currently have in place our 'Keep Right' and 'Keep Moving' signage which reminds staff and pupils to be both safe and aware in corridors at all times. In addition to this pupils are reminded to wash their hands regularly as well as sanitise their hands upon entering and leaving every classroom as well as the building. Our staff are wearing face coverings and pupils are very welcome to as well if they wish. We continue to update our website and Twitter page with resources which you can use at home with your son/daughter to help reinforce good hygiene habits.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with me to chat things through.

Yours sincerely,

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