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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that this finds you and your family well at this difficult time.

I am delighted to be contacting you to make arrangements for the phased return of our Senior Phase Pupils to practical activities. This letter details the arrangements for this, and outlines some significant points that will affect young people who are remote learning through this time.

Remote Learning

Young people who are not in school will continue to engage in remote learning lessons as usual. Subject staff will ensure that work is provided online to cover times when class teachers are in school delivering practical subjects. We have taken on board your feedback from our recent pupil and parental surveys and will be publishing the findings of this shortly, and running focus groups. My sincere thanks to all who contributed – your views were very insightful and will absolutely inform our next steps for your child.

Arrangements for the return of practical subjects, from Monday 22nd February

Practical subjects will initially be blocked over a three week period, in line with the First Minister's announcement. At the moment, Dance and Physical Education are not timetabled as the Covid restrictions are such that they cannot deliver the curriculum fully just yet. These subjects will be prioritised as soon as it is safe to do so. All other practical subjects will be blocked in 2.5 hour slots over the three week period and are detailed in the timetable below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Session - 9am Arrival / 11.50am Departure				
5A N5/H D&M	4C Drama	4G Art & Design	4E Computing	5B Drama
4D Energy	4C Hospitality	4G D&M	4E Photography	5B Photography
	4C Music	4G Music	4E Hospitality	5C Computing
		5E Practical Woodwork	4E D&M	
		5D Practical Cake Craft		
Afternoon Session - 12.15pm Arrival / 3pm Departure				
4F Art & Design	5C Music	5D Art & Design	5C Music	5E Art & Design
4F Graphics	4D Energy	5D Photography		5E Graphics
4F Computing		5D Practical Cake Craft		5E Practical Woodwork

Pupils should attend all of their timetabled practical subjects highlighted in green. If subjects are highlighted yellow, this means that the class is being split into groups across the three week period to ensure that social distancing can be properly implemented. Pupils and parents will be contacted by email with dates and times when they should attend the yellow sessions. Should arrangements change, we will notify you directly.

Pupils should arrive at 9am and enter through the pupil entrance at the top of the stairs. They will be registered there and be escorted to a brief health, safety and wellbeing talk with the head teacher before being safely escorted to their practical classes. The same arrangement will apply at 12.15pm for those young people attending afternoon sessions.

Health and Safety Requirements

- Pupils **MUST** sanitise hands on entering the building.
- 2 Metre social distancing **MUST** be observed at all times. Classes will be organised to ensure this.
- This also applies to all corridor movement and social spaces such as the canteen.
- All pupils and staff **MUST** wear their own face coverings at all times. Only those with recorded medical exemption are allowed to work without masks.
- Separate, detailed information has been issued to parents of Senior Phase pupils in relation to Covid Testing for staff and pupils.

Lunchtime

Pupils should leave school immediately after their practical session to avoid the possibility of transmission of the virus in social areas. This will enable them to continue with their remote learning for non-practical subjects when they are not engaged in practical activities.

Where pupils are involved in two practical sessions, morning then afternoon on the same day, lunch will be available in our canteen, socially distanced. Packed lunches are also welcome. Pupils who receive free school meals will continue to do so. Pupils attending two sessions in one day are **NOT** permitted to leave school at lunchtime and return for an afternoon class. They must remain in our school building for the full day. This only applies to a very small number of pupils and they will be notified of this.

Classes and workshops being used for different pupils in the morning and afternoon will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitised at lunchtime, between each pupil group.

Transport

Transport will be provided for pupils from Milton of Campsie and Twechar and those young people accessing school transport already. Detailed transport arrangements will be issued shortly. Pupils who do not routinely access school transport should make their own arrangements, as would usually be the case.

School uniform

All pupils are expected to wear full school uniform when attending for practical sessions. School hoodies and Winter uniform items ordered prior to Christmas are now available in our school office and can be collected by pupils on the days that they are attending school. These may be worn throughout the day with uniform.

Our hub will continue to run as normal. However, from Monday 22nd February pupils attending the hub must wear school uniform at all times.

I look forward to warmly welcoming pupils back to the school building as part of this phased return. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can support further in any way.

Yours faithfully,



Maureen Daniel
Head Teacher