Headteacher's newsletter Thursday 1 April 2021

Dear Families

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the term. Our staff, young people and their families have risen to every challenge that has come our way and I am hopeful that we will see positive changes next term.

I have set out our proposed plans and timeline below. Please be aware that these are subject to change, depending on the First Minister's announcement on Tuesday 6 April. I will confirm final plans with you through ParentPay during the Easter holidays.

Week beginning Monday 19 April (Level 4)

Nursery – there will be no change to our current arrangements, and we will remain using the main hall and the Nursery space. We will operate Monday to Friday, 9am-3pm.

Primary – there will be no change to our current arrangements, and we will continue with our individual class bubbles. This means that we will continue to have staggered starts for both P1 classes and staggered finishes for P1 and P4.

Secondary - all pupils will return to school and will enter the building at their House door, collected by Heads of House and staff. Pupils will follow their normal timetable, keeping a 2m distance from adults. Face coverings must be worn by all pupils. Please note that Lateral Flow Testing is now available for all Secondary pupils

Week beginning Monday 26 April (expecting to move to Level 3)

Nursery – continue as above, with a view to Nursery coming back together in May.

Primary – we will resume all classes starting at 9.00am and finishing at 3.30pm. Pupils will be able to mix in larger bubbles in the playground and in a planned manner for learning opportunities in school.

Secondary - continue as above.

These positive changes will be made possible with your continued support and all of us following the guidance from the Scottish Government in our wider community. Please wear a face covering when coming to school and make sure you keep your distance from other parents, staff and children. Remember to stay at home and book a test should anyone in your household have symptoms.

It has been quite a year so far and the impact will continue to be felt in school next term and possibly beyond. The SQA Certification model this year continues into mid-June and this will impact on our timetable change, which will need to be postponed, as well as on transition days and events throughout the school. We are currently planning for this and will be in touch with further details next term.

Have a lovely Easter break and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 19 April.

Elaine Liney