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Dear Parents/Carers,

BLENDED LEARNING MODEL

As promised in my letter last Friday, I now write with details of our attendance model for the period of blended learning that will run from 15 March to 1 April 2021. Blended learning is when pupils spend part of the week learning at home, and part of the week learning in school. So far in 2021, most pupils have experienced only remote learning.

We have a clear rationale for bringing back young people in each year group, which is as follows:

- For Senior Phase pupils, the aim is to progress with teaching and learning in preparation for certification at the appropriate level this session;
- For young people in S3, the principal focus is on supporting young people to re-engage with academic work and routines by way of revision;
- For S1 and S2, we will re-acclimatise young people with the school environs, structure and routines and support their health and well-being and academic re-engagement.



The attendance will be as shown in the diagram below:

Senior Phase pupils (S4, 5, and 6) will attend school every day from 9:00am until 12:00 noon. They will receive teacher input in all of their subjects over the course of the week, and will be sent home with work to complete at home in the afternoons.

Pupils in S1 will attend school on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 pm until 3:30 pm, and will attend three lessons each afternoon.

Pupils in S2 will attend school on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00 pm until 3:30 pm, and will attend three lessons each afternoon.

Pupils in S3 will attend school on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 pm until 3:30 pm, and Friday afternoon from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. They will attend three lessons each afternoon, except on Friday when they will attend lessons.



Please be aware that all pupils will be required to wear facemasks in class and in communal areas such as corridors, the lunch hall and toilets. All pupils who receive a free school meal will be provided with one, and details on this will be issued later this week.

Individual timetables for the blended learning period will be sent to each pupil in the post, and will arrive this week.

I look forward to welcoming more young people into school from Monday. I will communicate further with you later this week with further information.

Yours faithfully,

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Jonathan Graham Head Teacher

