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Dear Parents/Carers,

PLANNING FOR BLENDED LEARNING: AN UPDATE

On Tuesday you will have received my letter outlining the broad model for attendance from next Monday, which I hope you found helpful. As promised, individualised timetables for all pupils have been printed and posted; I expect they will arrive shortly. I provide an update and some additional detail on the arrangements for next week.

School day timings

Whilst this was included in Tuesday's letter, I want to reiterate that the timings of the morning and afternoon sessions are slightly different from our normal timetable. The timings are as follows:

- Morning sessions 9:00 am – 12:00 noon (pupils go home at the end of the session)
- Afternoon sessions 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm (3:00 pm finish on Friday)

Tuesday's letter and the individual timetables make clear when pupils should attend.

Arrival at school

We are required to minimise movement within the school. Therefore, pupils will not be admitted to the building before the start of their session. It is advised that families plan journeys to minimise the length of time young people are waiting to enter the building. Pupils should muster the designated areas five minutes before the start of their session. Each year group will then be invited into the building via the designated entry point. The muster and entry points are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Muster point</u>	<u>Entry point</u>
S1	Astroturf pitch	Main entrance
S2	Playground	Door at Music base
S3	Playground	Door to concourse by stage
S4	Playground	Door to concourse by stage
S5/6	Astroturf pitch	Main entrance

School lunches

While there will be no hot food available, sandwiches will be available from the Fuel Zone for those young people who receive free meals, as well as for those pupils whose parents have purchased a lunch. Please note that lunches, other than free meals, must be paid for in advance by bank transfer. No cash payments will be accepted, and details for making payments will be sent later this week.

Senior phase pupils who will be taking a school lunch will be provided with a packed lunch as they leave at 12:00 noon, which they will take home. BGE pupils taking a school lunch will be permitted into the building at 12:45 to collect and eat their food.

Physical Education

Our changing rooms will not be operational. Pupils who have PE will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit.



Facemasks

A reminder that all staff and young people will be required to wear masks in school at all times from Monday 15 March. Parents are asked to ensure that all young people come to school equipped with a mask.

Supervision of young people

Since the start of this period of lockdown, we have been accommodating some children of key workers, as well as a small number of other invited pupils. Whilst this provision can continue, we will have reduced capacity now that more staff are required to deliver in-person teaching. We will do everything we can to accommodate requests, but cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. I therefore must stress that this service is only for those families where **all** parents, including step-parents, are key workers. Pastoral Care teachers will be contacting some families to discuss attendance patterns for next week.

Any pupil who continues to attend for supervision will attend classes with their year group at the designated times.

Please note that the timings of our supervision offer will change slightly for the remainder of this term, and will be as follows:

Monday and Wednesday	8:50 am – 3:30 pm
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday	8:50 am – 3:00 pm (3:30 if pupils are attending class)

Pupils should continue to report to the concourse to be registered at the start of each day. Lunch times will now take place from 12:10pm until 1:00pm.

I hope this information is of some help. I will write to you again before the end of the week with another update, and will also ensure that details of all arrangements are made available in one concise document on our website soon.

Yours faithfully,



Jonathan Graham
Head Teacher

