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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **RECOVERY PHASE PUPIL ATTENDANCE MODEL**

I hope that you and your families remain safe and well during this challenging time.

As you are aware, in order to meet the government requirements for physical distancing and keeping everyone safe, we will need to make some alterations to the pupil attendance model. As we approach the summer holidays, it is important that I provide you with some detail on our plans for pupils returning to school in August. The information below outlines how we will structure the school day and provides information in relation to each year group. The school day and attendance patterns will be as follows:

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	
09:00	SENIOR PHASE (S4,5,6)					3 x 1 Hour periods
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12:00						
13:00	BGE PHASE (S1,2,3)				13:00	3 x 50 minute periods
-15:30					15:00	

### **Senior Phase (S4, 5, and 6)**

- The majority of pupils in S5/6 study 5 examined subjects. Pupils will receive teaching in all of their elected National Qualifications subjects.
- S4 pupils study 7 examined subjects and will likewise receive teaching in all 7 of their National Qualifications subjects.
- Pupils will attend school every morning.
- Pupils will start at 9:00am each day and attend three periods each lasting one hour.
- After period three (12:00 noon) pupils will leave and engage in learning at home.
- Those pupils entitled to free school meals will collect a packed lunch as they leave.

### **BGE Phase (S1, 2, and 3)**

- S3 pupils study 7 examined subjects and will likewise receive teaching in all 7 of their National Qualifications subjects.
- S1 and 2 pupils will attend all eight broad curricular areas.
- Pupils will attend school every afternoon.
- Pupils will arrive at 1:00pm and attend three periods each lasting 50 minutes.
- Those pupils entitled to free school meals will be allowed entry slightly earlier to collect a packed lunch.
- After period 6 (3:30pm) pupils will go home.
- On Friday the pupil day will end at 3:00pm. Period 5 will last a total of 70 minutes.

The rationale for our adopted model is as follows:

- To ensure 2m physical distancing in all classes.
- To have all pupils attend school every day for a part-day.
- To provide as full a curriculum as possible for as many pupils as possible.
- To attempt to minimise risk and ensure the safety of pupils and staff.
- To reduce circulation of young people during break and lunchtime by adopting a model that negates this.

I will write again before the end of term to provide details regarding return dates for pupils, amongst other things. There will also be further updates over the course of the summer holiday.

As always, your support is very much appreciated at all times, and especially during this difficult period. Please stay well, and I look forward to seeing all young people back at school soon.

Yours faithfully,



Jonathan Graham  
Head Teacher

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