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Dear Parent/Carer,

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REMOTE LEARNING: WEEK 8

As always, I trust you and your families remain safe and well. I write to provide an update on the many significant developments over the last week.

Current Senior Phase Attendance

Senior phase pupils continued to attend this week to complete practical work in certain subjects. The programme continues to go well and I was again delighted to see a different group of young people attend. From Monday 8 March it is again the turn of group A to attend for the week. Pupils have been informed which group they are in.

15 March 2021

Contrary to my letter last week, the First Minister announced has announced that all young people in S1 to S6 will receive **some** in-school learning for the three weeks leading to the Easter holiday. It is anticipated that there will be a full return to school on 20 April, following the break. We are very much looking forward to seeing more of our pupils in the building.

We are still working out our attendance model, and I will communicate this early next week. I do need to stress that pupils will not be in school full-time from 15 March. We are required to provide some face to face teaching time for all year groups and, in line with government advice, will be prioritising the senior phase as they prepare to be assessed for formal qualifications. All pupils will be attending part days only. In many cases, pupils will continue to spend most of the week undertaking home learning until after Easter.

I understand that families will need to make plans and I will ensure that more detail is provided in early course.

Face masks

From Monday 15 March <u>all</u> secondary school pupils will be required to wear face masks in classes, and in communal areas. Pupils will only be able to remove masks when they are outside for break, lunch, or outdoor learning. This is a change from the previous arrangement.

I appeal to all parents/carers to ensure that young people arrive at school with a mask, and that they are proficient at storing and handling these safely. The school can provide help in emergencies but cannot continue to spend large portions of our budget on disposable masks.

Family learning

Family learning resources can be found in the Family Learning section of our website (under Resources), or here. On a separate message you will receive our weekly family learning review task, and we'd appreciate your feedback once again.

Recent letters

As always, for your convenience all letters issued in the recent past can be found on our school website, in the *Resources* section under the heading *Parental Letters* (or here).

I close, as I always do, by inviting you to contact myself, Pastoral Care, or year group heads if there is anything we can do to support. I hope you remain safe and well. I will write early next week with further information.

Yours faithfully,

Jonathan Graham

Head Teacher

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