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Dear Parent/Carer

Plans for Pupils Returning to School as of Monday 15 March 2021

As you will be aware the First Minister has announced that schools should plan for the return of all pupils on a part time basis as of Monday 15 March. In order to accommodate this we are looking at different groups of pupils and I list below the arrangements that will be in place for each group.

Senior Pupils (S4-S6) Studying Practical Qualifications

We already have arrangements for senior pupils who are undertaking practical national qualifications in place and these arrangements will continue with no change. Pupils will be notified by their class teacher through Teams or glow email which days they are due to attend.

All other Senior Pupils (S4-S6)

All other senior pupils will be invited for some face-to-face teaching in all subjects on a part time basis. All pupils will be able to attend at least 2 or 3 sessions over the week. Pupils will be notified via Teams by their class teacher so should ensure they check their glow email and/or Teams.

Broad General Education Pupils (S1-S3)

Pupils will attend one half day per week. S1 will attend on a Wednesday, S2 will attend on a Tuesday and S3 will attend on a Monday. Classes will be a maximum of 10 pupils per room to allow for physical distancing to take place. Pupils will not necessarily be taught by their own teacher but will have a subject specialist. The focus for the return of pupils will be to support their wellbeing and prepare them for a full time return to school after Easter (providing there is no change announced by the Scottish Government) and therefore we have focused on non-practical subjects.

Hub Provision

Hub provision will continue in place for secondary pupils. These pupils have been identified by House Teams and PTG will be in touch regarding the continuing provision. Given the organisational challenges surrounding the return of many more young people we are asking that Key Workers only use the Hub Provision where other arrangements cannot be put in place.

Remote Learning

A return for all the groups identified above will involve almost all teachers being in classes supporting young people and therefore what can be offered by remote learning may be different from what has been in place up until now. I would like to remind parents of the national remote learning model available that is available through this link <https://online.clickview.co.uk/libraries/categories/34760138/bge?sort=productionyear> and can also be accessed via your child's glow account and also via the school website. The school website also has links to our virtual classrooms and a wide range of material from all subjects across the school. The school website can be accessed through this link <http://craigiehighschool.ea.dundee.city.sch.uk/>

Expectations

- Strict physical distancing of 2m will be in place throughout the school with all staff and pupils expected to stick to this. We know this will be difficult, but it is essential that pupils play their part in keeping themselves and others safe.
- Face masks for all pupils and staff regardless of which age or stage they are at will be required to be worn at all times including in classes.
- BGE Pupils will remain in their classes with Teachers going to them so pupils will not be moving around the building.
- BGE Pupils should bring a snack and drink (no energy drinks, fizzy juice etc) with them for interval. Pupils will not be allowed out of their classroom at interval as we would not be able to supervise physical distancing during this time.
- Pupils in BGE will start at 9 am and finish at 12.20 when they will be expected to return home.
- If you choose not to take your place over the next 3 weeks, the school office will mark you as remote learning.
- School uniform is expected to be worn by all pupils when in school.

Further information is also available on the Scottish Government Website which can be accessed here: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-schools-reopening/>

Lateral Flow Testing/Asymptomatic Testing

All pupils (both seniors and BGE) are now eligible to take part in the Asymptomatic Testing Programme for Covid-19. Parents/Carers were sent a letter detailing information regarding Lateral Flow Testing which you should discuss with your son/daughter prior to consenting or not. If you wish to take part, you (not the pupil) must pick up a testing pack from Craigie reception on Thursday 11th March or Monday 15th March and start the process. It must be a parent/guardian who picks up the kit and signs a consent form, pupils will not be given kits without signed parental consent.

Testing should commence from the day the kit is picked up and continue on a weekly basis on Mondays and Thursdays until further notice. You are not required to test throughout the Easter holidays, but this decision is left up to the individual. Testing must commence again from Monday 19th April. If you require further test kits, the school will be open on Thursday 15th April during the Easter holidays and every Monday and Thursday during term time. Results should be logged using the information below.

The tests supplied do not require laboratory processing and can provide a quick result in around 30 minutes. Comprehensive guidance on conducting self-testing is contained in the 'Instructions for Use' leaflet which will be provided with the test kit. There is a useful video showing participants how to administer the test here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>.

Once the test has been conducted individuals must log the test result – whether positive, negative or void – online at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result. Tests are free of charge and will be provided by the school.

Yours Faithfully

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