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Dear Parents/Carers

Rationale and Current Plans

You will be aware that the Scottish Government announced this week that schools will return 100% in August depending on the scientific and medical advice stating that it is safe to do so. As a result we are now planning for this and look forward to seeing all our learners back with us. I also share with you our current contingency plan which will be enacted if we cannot return fully. We are also working closely with Moray Council to establish what additional resources will be required if we were to implement 50% pupil return as we are unable to provide this within our existing resources which includes our building, availability of transport and staffing.

Our current contingency plan, should 100% return not be possible, will adhere to Scottish Government guidelines with the health and safety of young people and staff being central to this.

Our contingency plan will:

- Allow us to see every young person every week, thus ensuing 'Happy, Healthy and High Achieving'.
- Enable Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing to be addressed in school for BGE pupils based in a home room.
- Ensure that we are happy with our systems to ensure pupil safety before increasing the time BGE pupils are in school.
- Ensure all Senior Phase pupils see their chosen course teachers.
- Enable us to develop building in S3 choices.

General Information

- All pupils will receive their timetable and transport details where appropriate during the last week of the summer holidays based on decisions made by the Scottish Government at the end of July.
- Due to buses having limited capacity and if we need to continue social distancing, our contingency plan means that there will be staggered starts for young people.
- Staggered starts will commence from week 1 for senior phase and week 3 for BGE.
- As a result, some young people will be starting at 8.50am and finishing at 1.10pm (Group 1) and some will be starting at 10.20am and finishing at 3pm (Group2).
- You will be notified nearer our start date which group your young person is in.
- Senior Phase young people will all be in on Tuesdays and Thursdays and divided into groups depending on their choices.
- At this time, we cannot guarantee there will be any catering facilities available if we return in August under our contingency plan.
- Those young people who are in this second group will need to bring a packed lunch, unless they live in Aberlour in which case they will be expected to go home where possible for their lunch.

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./Proposed Contingency Timetable for Speyside High School – August 2020

The School Day

Period 1 8.50→10.10am

Period 2 10.20→11.40am

Period 3 11.50→1.10pm

Period 4 1.40→3pm

The School Week – BGE (S1→S3)

	Mon			Tue	Wed			Thu	Fri		
Period	S2 (& S1 Pupils from week 3)				S1 (& S3 Pupils from week 3)				S3 (& S2 Pupils from week 3)		
	Group A	Group B	Group C		Group A	Group B	Group C		Group A	Group B	Group C
1	Lit	Num	HWB		Lit	Num	HWB		Lit	Num	HWB
2	Num	HWB	Lit		Num	HWB	Lit		Num	HWB	Lit
3	HWB	Lit	Num		HWB	Lit	Num		HWB	Lit	Num
4 (from week 3 onwards)	Lit	Num	HWB	Lit	Num	HWB	Lit	Num	HWB		

PLEASE NOTE - IMPORTANT

It is intended that for week 1 beginning Wednesday 12 August and week 2 beginning Monday 17 August only one BGE year group will be in. This will allow us to test our plans and ensure successful transition for the BGE pupils.

Week 1:

- S1 only on Wednesday 12 August
- S3 only on Friday 14 August

Week 2:

- S2 only on Monday 17 August
- S1 only on Wednesday 19 August
- S3 only on Friday 21 August

Week 3 onwards:

- S1 & S2 on Monday 24 August
- S1 & S3 on Wednesday 26 August
- S2 & S3 on Friday 28 August

The school week/.



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The School Week – Senior Phase (S4→S6)

		Period 1		Period 2		Period 3		Period 4	
Tues	Group 1	S4 Col A S5/S6 PSE	S4 Col A S5/S6 PSE	Col D		Col F		S4 Col A S5/S6 PSE	S4 Col A S5/S6 PSE
	Group 2	Col D		Col F		S4 Col A S5/S6 PSE	S4 Col A S5/S6 PSE	Col D	
	Group 3	Col F		S4 Col A S5/S6 PSE	S4 Col A S5/S6 PSE	Col D		Col F	

		Period 1		Period 2		Period 3		Period 4	
Thurs	Group 1	Col B		Col C		Col E		Col B	
	Group 2	Col C		Col E		Col B		Col C	
	Group 3	Col E		Col B		Col C		Col E	

Please note this letter only provides outline information regarding our contingency plan, and over summer things may alter. Any changes will be notified to you in good time for the start of term.

I hope you understand the complexity of this process and that the main rationale is to ensure a safe and successful return to Speyside High School for all our school community.

School Uniform

Currently it is not possible to order any school jumpers. As a result, it is asked that young people come dressed in black trousers and black jumpers or sweatshirts with a white shirt or polo shirt and black shoes where possible. As the session goes forward, we will look at distributing a school tie to every young person.

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Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank you all and the Parent Council for your support since 23 March and I very much look forward to welcoming everyone back in August.

Please take time to enjoy the summer in a safe way.



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Please also take the time to watch the sketch note produced by Moray Council in relation to Education Recovery Planning.

<https://youtu.be/SomwSVQmwAk>

Yours faithfully

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