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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly I would like to wish you a happy new year, although so much has changed since 1 January 2021 it seems a life time away. We move into a phase of online learning again to maintain COVID-19 safety. It is with this in mind I wish to write to you.

Online Learning

Please find attached a **very important** booklet to help guide you through the online learning process. The booklet is a step by step guide to how everything is planned to work at the moment.

All sections are important, but it is particularly important that you look at the section on 'Registration' and that **all young people complete registration by 9am every day**. This is vital in terms of engagement with learning and supporting the health and wellbeing of young people. A process will be developed to allow us to contact you if a young person is not registering every day.

The following gives a general guide for the amount of time young people should be spending on work for each subject. These are similar across all Moray secondary schools:

- For S1 to S3 this should be at least 45mins per subject up to 2 hours – Numeracy and Literacy should be around 2.5 hours per week
- For Senior Phase each subject should be allocated 3 to 4 hours per week.

ICT Devices

A number of families were provided with laptops through the Scottish Government scheme. If you are experiencing issues affecting your young person's ability to access online learning please contact the school in the usual way. We will endeavour to solve these problems. We have already provided a number of school laptops to those families who have contacted us since the start of term.

Staffing

Due to our current staffing it will not be possible for RME, Global Goals or S2 Option work to be set online.

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Senior Phase

Currently we have no further information about SQA arrangements. As soon as we have any we will share this with you and your young people. Please note all senior phase pupils have usernames and passwords for Scholar and e-Sgoil where applicable and should be using these resources.

I would like to underline the importance of the booklet attached. I ask that you and your young person spend some time going through this together if possible.

Finally, please keep yourselves and your families' safe at this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to contact the school in the usual ways if you require any advice or help.

Yours faithfully

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