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Dear Parent/Carer

The First Minister confirmed plans today for school recovery from Monday 22 February as follows:

- Pupils in the senior phase (S4-6) will return, in small numbers to complete the learning and teaching of critical practical work in relation to qualifications in 2021 than can only be carried out in school

All other secondary pupils, except those of key workers or identified to attend, will continue to engage in remote learning until announced otherwise. No further return to school will take place until 15 March at the earliest.

In order that we manage the return to school safely, we have looked at qualifications in 3 broad categories as follows:

- Subjects which are predominantly of a practical nature eg PE, Drama, Art and Design etc
- Subjects with a level of practical work eg Sciences, Modern Languages, Rural Skills etc
- Subjects which are theory based eg English, Maths, History, Geography etc

Initially only pupils in the first category will attend school for full day sessions. In line with those attending the hub provision, pupils will not leave the building at lunchtime with meal provision available on site. Pupils will have to wear face masks in line with guidance and adhere to 2 m social distancing in school and on school transport. Individual schools will inform you of practical arrangements including timetables, entrances to be used and so on.

Senior phase pupils/parents/carers have been provided with information about Covid-19 testing which is available on an opt-in basis to support school recovery. We highly recommend that you take up this opportunity.

We fully understand how difficult this is for everyone and that you may have questions to ask. A virtual meeting of Parent Council Chairs (Moray Parent Forum) will take place on Wednesday 24 February at 6 pm. Please pass on any questions you have to your school chair to raise on your behalf. As ever, we are following the guidance provided by the Scottish Government which provides clarity for all.

Please stay safe and well as restrictions remain in place for the foreseeable future.

Yours sincerely

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