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Dear Senior Phase Parents/Carers

I am writing to give you further advice in light of the Scottish Government's most recent announcement on Tuesday 16 February.

We have had a small number of young people in school in line with Scottish Government guidelines since the start of the term in January.

From Monday 22 February this will increase to include those young people in the Senior Phase who have practical work and/or practical assessments to complete for their National Qualifications. Subject teachers have worked on this carefully and all engagement to date has been taken into account.

Please also note some practical subjects will not be asked to come to school until later in the term, for example Computing and PE. At this moment we are requesting pupils from the following subjects to attend on a rota basis and you will be advised of the appropriate day via a separate message:

- Art and Design
- Drama
- Music
- Photography
- Practical Cookery

For information school transport will be operational as normal for young people required to attend school.

You may also be aware that voluntary testing has been put in place for all Senior Phase pupils and staff who are attending the building.

To allow us to manage both of these successfully the following will be in place:

1. Those young people who need to attend school for practical work will receive a message each Wednesday to advise of this for the following week (this system may change as things develop).
2. If your young person receives a message it is important that someone attends school to collect the self-testing kit, complete a consent form and collect other information.

To ease the distribution of the information we have received, attached to this email are the following documents:

- Letter entitled Covid-19 asymptomatic testing programme for Senior Phase Pupils
- NHS Introduction to Rapid Self-Testing for Covid-19
- NHS How to Do a Rapid Covid-19 Self-Test
- Consent Form
- Data Privacy Notice

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Please note that only those young people invited in via the message mentioned above need to familiarise themselves with the documentation at this time. There will be paper copies of all the documents available in school when collecting the self-testing kit.

For the week commencing 22 February, young people who receive a message to attend for practical work, should attend Speyside High School on Thursday 18 February as follows to collect self-testing kits:

1. Surname A to G between 9.45am and 10.45am
2. Surname H to M between 11.00 and 12.00pm
3. Surname N to Z between 12.15pm and 1.15pm

The test kits collected will be logged and recorded and so the kit should only be used for the intended young person.

Information regarding what to do with your test results is included in other attached documents.

To summarise, however, if a test is negative the young person can attend school, if void or positive the guidelines included should be followed.

Young people should test themselves on a Sunday and Wednesday no matter which days they are attending school.

### **Social Distancing and Other Advice**

For young people who will be in school and as per Scottish Government advice, strict social distancing will be in place.

This will mean that if a young person travels on a bus, they will be expected to maintain 2m distancing from others at all times.

In classes 2m distancing will be in place and during social times this will also be the case.

Young people will not be able to leave the campus during the school day and so should bring a packed lunch or be prepared to have a school lunch.

Face coverings will be required to be worn at all times other than when eating or drinking.

Young people should be outside as much as possible during social times.

The one way system will be in place.

Hand sanitising will be in place as previously was the case.

Social Areas will be advised when young people attend school.

Young people will attend for a full day and will spend that day in one subject.

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When the required practical is completed satisfactorily to allow appropriate assessment the young person will not be required to attend for that subject again. However, engagement and completion of online learning must continue for all subjects.

We will keep in touch to manage the fluidity of this situation.

Yours faithfully

Mrs P Goodbrand  
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