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SCHOOL UPDATE

As we reach the end of another term, I write to update you on the plans for our return on 19 April 2021.

1. Return to School

It is anticipated that all young people will return to the school building on 19 April 2021 and the blended learning model will cease. School transport arrangements will also return to their previous form. This is, however, all dependant on the continued suppression of the virus. Depute First Minister, John Swinney is due to make a further announcement on Tuesday 6 April and provide an update on the position for schools. Should this announcement alter our plans for our return, I will contact you to advise of any changes. In the interim, we are planning for full-time return at this stage.

2. Lateral Flow Testing

Voluntary lateral flow testing is already in place for staff and young people in S4-S6, however, from 19 April this will now also include young people in S1-S3. Any child under 16 **must have** parental permission to take part and printed permission forms are now available via the school. **Testing kits are available now and can be picked up this week in school or from the main office from Tuesday 6 April.** A copy of the information letter is attached along with a permission form.

3. Amended School Holiday Arrangements

Scottish Government have recently added an additional 2 days into secondary school arrangements and a copy of the updated holiday calendar is attached.

4. SQA Easter School

Dr Frew has compiled a calendar of Easter School activities for S4-S6 study in relation to SQA attainment evidence gathering. A copy has already been sent to parents/carers and can be viewed on the school website.

I would remind you that we have an earlier finish this Thursday at 2.30pm. All school transport arrangements are in place.

I wish you a peaceful and relaxing holiday and I look forward to welcoming all of our young people back on Monday 19 April 2021.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elaine Harrigan'.

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