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Dear Parent / Guardian

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in working with us during these strange times. I think it is important that you are aware of some of the arrangements for pupils during and after the Easter holidays. The final decision about pupil return will be made on 6<sup>th</sup> April by the First Minister, at this moment in time I expect that all pupils will return to school. However, I will update you once the First Minister has made the final decision.

Assuming the decision is made to return all young people to school after the Easter holidays, the following arrangements will take place. Pupils will return on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, with Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April being an inservice day for staff. Pupils will return on a staggered basis on 20<sup>th</sup> April to allow the new Covid procedures to be explained. Details of which will follow in the update which I will send to you after the First Minister's announcement.

On return to school, all young people will be expected to wear masks from S1-6. In addition, pupils in all year groups have now collected lateral flow tests and we would encourage that these be undertaken the day before they return to school.

During the Easter holidays, we have a programme of Easter revision which is open to all S4-6 pupils to help them prepare for model assessments which will be undertaken in May. The details of these revision sessions can be found on our school website – and by clicking this [link](#). It is essential that all young people attend school post Easter, especially for senior pupils so that we can support them in preparing for these model assessments which will be used as part Alternative Certification Model which has been outlined by the Scottish Qualifications Authority. I will hold online parent meetings to go over our school's approach to the Alternative Certification Model. These meetings will take place after the school holidays, times and details will be sent you in advance via letter.

Please visit our website to see all of our latest news including the latest edition of the John Paul Journal which is prepared by our news team of senior pupils, giving an insight into the life of the school during the last two terms.

Once again, can I thank you for your patience and support to our school, I hope that you have a peaceful Easter and wishing you God's blessings from all the staff here at John Paul Academy.

Yours sincerely

*John McGhee.*

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