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Dear Parent / Guardian

Return to School Arrangements August 2020 SQA Examination Support

I am pleased to now give you fuller information about your child's return to school. As you may be aware it is now the intention of the Scottish Government to have all young people in full time education by the latest 18th August. Below I have set out our intention to have all young people in school fulltime by the 17th of August and to have a phased return set out as below.

It is really important that you have confidence in the arrangements that are in place in the school to ensure that your child is kept safe during this pandemic. As such in the first few days of the school term we will be meeting with young people in smaller groups to go over the new arrangements and expectations to ensure there is no misunderstanding of what the organisation and operation of the school will look like. Young people will understandably be keen to get back sooner but I have taken the decision that it is more important to speak with young people and explain the arrangements prior to them returning full time.

The times for young people to attend are as below:

JOHN PAUL ACADEMY SCHOOL RETURN ARRANGEMENTS	
<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Arrangements</u>
S1	Full time from Wednesday 12 th August 8.55am start.
S2	Attend 9.00am – 10.30am Thursday 13 th August Attend full time from August 17 th 8.55am start
S3	Attend 11.45 – 1.00pm Thursday 13 th August Attend full time from August 17 th 8.55 am start
S4	Attend 9.00am – 10.30 am Friday 14 th August Attend full time from August 17 th 8.45am start
S5	Attend 11.45 – 1.00pm Friday 14th August Attend full time from August 17 th 8.45 am start
S6	Attend 1.30pm – 3pm Friday 14th August Attend full time from August 17 th 8 .45 am start

As much as possible we are aiming to give young people as normal a school experience as we can and as such they will follow the full range of subject options that they would usually have done. To ensure that this is done safely I need to ensure that all the information young people require is gone over with them prior to their return. The health and safety of your child and family as well as that of the staff working in the school is paramount and as such there will be expectations that would not normally be in place. Your child will bring this information home with them and I would ask that you talk this over with them so that as a school we get off to a good start.

I will update the school website in the next few days with the latest school advice. However, I would bring a small number of things to your immediate attention.

- Firstly the school expectation of full school uniform remains. If you have any issues acquiring school uniform please let the school know as soon as possible and we will try and assist.
- Secondly your child will be issued with their own stationery set/ pencil case so that there is no need for sharing of resources. I would ask that you ensure that your child brings a school bag to school to carry any resources that they may need.

SQA Examination Support

I previously wrote to parents regarding help being made available for young people or parents who wish to discuss examination results and next steps with their pupil support teacher. I will send a booking form later today to all parents of pupils sitting examinations last year. It is important that if you or your child wishes to speak with their pupil support teacher that you complete this form so that we can plan times for initial phone calls to be made. If face to face meetings are required this can be arranged with the pupil support teacher following their initial phone call. I would ask that you respond to the request by Friday of this week.

Following return of the electronic booking form, phone calls and meetings will begin on the 10th August. ***Please do not attend the school unless you have a confirmed appointment.***

Once again can I thank you for your patience and to please keep an eye on the school website in the coming days for any updated information.

Yours sincerely



John McGhee

Head Teacher