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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Senior Phase Return to School – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**

This letter is intended to update S4/5/6 Learners and their Parents/Carers about Rutherglen School's plans for this phased return to in-person learning.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 the Scottish Government announced that from the 22<sup>nd</sup> February, small groups of Senior Phase learners currently studying certificated qualifications would be allowed to attend school to take part in learning which cannot be undertaken remotely.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> February is not a full time return to school. The default arrangement for all learners is a remote/learning at home offer. Learners will be invited in to the school building on prearranged days/times to engage in specific tasks as directed by the school. Further detail about how this will be managed is covered in the *Timetable Information* section which follows.

### Health and Safety

The school already has in place robust infection control measures such as enhanced cleaning regimes, access to hand sanitisers on entry and exit and within classrooms, the appropriate use of face coverings, 2m distancing between staff, and between staff and pupils where possible. In addition, as part of the phased return to school for Senior Phase Learners, all learners in secondary school buildings and on school transport will now be expected to adhere to strict 2m physical distancing between other learners. We would like to remind learners and parents of the need to follow all the relevant guidance and would also request that parents avoid contacts with other parents and young people at the school gates, on the way to school and after school in order to reduce the risk of community spread/outbreaks.

Learners will be reminded about compliance with the existing safety procedures in place including the wearing of face coverings within senior phase classes and in communal areas within the school. Please also remember face coverings are required for all pupils on designated school transport. Learners will also be advised of the additional enhanced precautions in respect of 2m

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physical distancing.

### Lunch time Arrangements

Learners will need to bring their own snack for interval time and can still bring in a packed lunch. Learners will still be entitled to a free school lunch. This will be pre-ordered at registration. Any learners eligible to means tested free school meals will continue to receive payment.

### Transport

From the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 2m physical distancing applies on secondary school transport. This will significantly reduce the capacity of vehicles. ASN transport has been notified of the day your son/daughter is attending school.

### Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing

As part of the phased return to school all learners who attend school to take part in learning which cannot be undertaken remotely will have access to twice weekly at-home testing using lateral flow devices (LFDs). Testing is voluntary and no learner will be excluded from taking part in face to face learning if they do not wish to test. However, we would encourage senior phase learners to participate to contribute to the wellbeing of the school community.

We will provide you with a letter with more information on Lateral Testing including a consent form which must be completed and returned to the school before providing the home-based testing kit. Testing takes place twice a week in the home with 3 days in between each test. A video link on lateral testing is available for you to view:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>

### Timetable Information

To facilitate strict 2m physical distancing in the school building and on school transport, learners will be invited in to the school building on prearranged days to take part in learning which cannot be undertaken remotely.

<b>Day/Time</b>	<b>8.50 – 10.40</b>			<b>10.55 – 12.35</b>			<b>1.15 – 2.55</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>4.1</b>	Technical	Music	Art	D of E	Music	Science	ICT	Drama	
<b>Thursday</b> <b>5.1</b> <b>5.2</b>	Technical	Drama		Art	D of E		Music	ICT	D of E
<b>Friday</b> <b>6.1</b> <b>6.2</b>	Drama	Music	Science	Music	Technical	Art	Social Subjects / French	ICT	

Yours sincerely  
*Jan Allan*

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