



### Term 4 newsletter / issue 1

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we prepare for the final term of the session, I offer you the following information:

#### Our safe return

As per Scottish Government's most recent advice, we will see a full return of all young people from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. All young people will attend full time, following their original timetable. Our full return means that 2 metre physical distancing will not be possible in classrooms and will be difficult to achieve in our social spaces however the following safety mitigations will remain in place:

- **Face coverings** will continue to be worn by all staff and young people whilst in the school building
- Young people will enter via **revised designated entrances**. They will be:
  - All S1 – S6 **Kinloch** pupils *Main entrance*
  - All S1 – S6 **Birnam** pupils *Clock tower (Plaza) entrance*
  - All S1 – S6 **Forres** pupils *Maths entrance*
  - All S1 – S6 **Cawdor** pupils *Art entrance (next door down from the Maths entrance)*

The building will be open from 8.30am. S1 – S4 pupils should remain in either the dining centre or one of the school playgrounds until 8.40am. S5 – S6 pupils can go directly to their first period class.

- Staff and young people are reminded to **stay left in all corridors**
- Young people will continue to **clean their workspace, as well as their hands** on entry and exit from each classroom
- Our **staggered end to the school day** will resume. Staff will dismiss classes to support this staggered exit. Young people must use the **nearest exit when leaving the building**
- Staff have been encouraged to ensure **maximum ventilation** in each classroom
- Staff will continue to record seating plans that will be used in the event of a confirmed positive COVID-19 case

#### Asymptomatic Testing

Staff and young people (S1 – S6) can opt into the above Scottish Government testing protocol. If your young person has not yet opted in but would now like to do so, more information can be found at <http://harrisacademy.ea.dundee.city.sch.uk/aymptomatic-testing-letter-s1-s6-version.pdf>

For those young people who are participating, **they are encouraged to take a test over the weekend** before returning to our **twice-weekly tests on a Monday and Thursday morning**.

#### Young people (or family members) who show symptoms of COVID-19

Any young person (or family member) who show symptoms should self-isolate immediately and contact NHS Protect to arrange a COVID-19 test.

Please contact the school office as soon as possible to note the absence.

The young person should not attend school until a negative test result has been secured (please send a copy of the negative test result to the school via email).

### **Our planned approach to SQA assessments**

We will publish our assessment timetable for Phase 1 of our approach to senior phase assessments no later than next Wednesday (21<sup>st</sup> April).

### **Physical Education**

Due to current Scottish Government guidance, all PE classes remain outdoors at this time. Therefore, young people should come prepared with suitable PE kit for outdoor conditions.

Updated Guidance is due at the start of term. Should there be any changes to these arrangements, I will let you know.

### **Uniform**

As a reminder all young people should return to school on Monday in full school uniform.

### **Prefect Application Process**

To allow our seniors to focus on their upcoming assessments, I have taken the decision to delay the Perfect and School Captain application process until June (once all assessments are completed).

### **Arrangements for Senior Phase College**

During this first week back, all young people who are studying one or more courses at Dundee & Angus college should complete the online work set by the college **at home during the periods of time that they would normally be in college.**

### **Easter School**

Thank you to all of my colleagues who were able to give up some of their time to support our Easter school. A significant number of our young people benefitted from the four-day programme.

### **Depute Head Teacher appointment**

I am delighted to announce that, after a competitive interview process, Mrs Kelly MacDonald has been appointed to the post of permanent Depute Head Teacher.

In what will undoubtedly be a very challenging term, I am confident that with the support of my colleagues and our strong partnership with our parents and carers, we will ensure the best possible outcomes for all of our young people.



Barry Millar  
Head Teacher