



Term 4 newsletter / issue 2

Dear Parent / Carer,

Please find below some further updates that will hopefully be of use to you.

Car Park Access

Due to an increase in the number of cars that enter the school grounds at the end of the day, the entrance to our car park (from the Perth Road junction) will be closed off 10 minutes before the end of the school day and will remain closed until the school buses have departed.

The current situation is causing a health and safety concern for our young peoples' safety at the junction.

I hope this precautionary change comes with your support and understanding.

This new arrangements begin early next week, as soon as the new barriers are fully installed.

If you currently have an agreement to use our car park for pick up (only in the case of medical grounds), please contact your young person's Guidance teacher.

Lateral Flow Test kits

Young people can collect new sets of test kits from the main office whenever their stock starts to run low.

As announced by the First Minister, parents and carers (and all members of the public) can now also participate in Lateral Flow Testing from Monday.

To order kits for adults, please visit <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested/pages/no-covid-symptoms/> rather than using the kits that the school are currently providing for our young people.

Our planned approach to Senior Phase assessments

As outlined in our final communication before the holidays (update letter 12), and via the parents/carers question and answer session on Wednesday 31st March, we have e mailed Senior Phase pupils, parents/carers a copy of our Phase 1 assessment timetable which runs from Monday 26th April to Friday 14th May. A copy of the timetable is available via the link noted below:

[Assessment Calendar - Phase 1 26.04 - 14.05.21](#)

Young people will be informed of exactly which period each assessment is taking pace and in which room from their class teacher.

Prior to finalising our Senior Phase assessment timeline, we consulted with staff, young people and parents and have carefully planned to support young people with validated assessment arrangements with the following key principles at the heart of our approach:

- Gather evidence at a time that gives young people the best chance to succeed

- Have a plan that avoids over-assessment on any given day
- Offer you clear communication as to when assessments will take place
- Ensure learning and teaching of course content continues for as long as possible

The following timeline serves to illustrate some of the detail:

w/b 19 th April	w/b 26 th April	w/b 3 rd May	w/b 10 th May	w/b 17 th May	w/b 24 th May
First week back after Easter break. No assessment <i>With the exception of some practical assessments (these will be communicated before the end of this term)</i>	Learning and Teaching continues Some departments may choose to have practice assessments. <i>These offer low-predictive value evidence and, more importantly, will offer feedback to support young people's continued development of knowledge. This will be coordinated at whole school level to prevent too much assessment from taking place.</i>			All course delivery is completed by Tuesday 18 th May Six days of Formal Assessments (one day per column) with two catch up days blocked at the end of the second week	All course delivery is completed by Tuesday 18 th May Six days of Formal Assessments (one day per column) with two catch up days blocked at the end of the second week

During weeks beginning 26th April, 3rd May and 10th May we will operate an assessment model based on a timetable schematic to ensure our young people are not overburdened with assessment during this period.

We wish all of our young people the very best of luck with all of their assessments in the knowledge that the feedback provided by class teachers will support improved performance in Phase 2 later in May.

Physical Education

From Monday 26th April, assessments for senior pupils and non-contact indoor activities can begin, this includes the use of the Swimming Pool for assessment purposes. ***Please note that young people who will be taking part in Swimming assessments will not be able to make use of the showers facilities at present.***

Most core PE classes will remain outdoors during the summer term.

With best wishes,



Barry Millar
Head Teacher