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Dear Parent

I hope that this briefing finds you and your family safe and well.

As you will hopefully be aware, we are looking forward to welcoming back all students on Wednesday 12 August 2020. We are aiming to make the return to school feel as normal as possible while taking the necessary precautions to keep the school community safe.

Wednesday 12 August will be a school day with usual arrangements for travel and uniform. Naturally, there will be some changes as to how school may operate in the first term and as such, all S2-6 students should report to their Wellbeing and Attainment class where key information will be given as well as opportunities to ask questions. Our new S1 must report directly to the GP hall where they will be given all their key information. Plenty of staff will be on hand to direct pupils. We are meeting as a staff on Monday 10 August and Tuesday 11 August as part of our inservice days to finalise our return to school planning and I intend to update parents through a letter and pupils on MHS Pupil info Teams page on Monday 10 August with the most up to date information.

The advice we have been given is to limit gatherings therefore, pupils are asked not to gather in groups and to proceed immediately to their first class on arrival to school.

All students have been issued with a timetable and further copies will be issued on the first day back during their wellbeing and attainment class.

Prior to the holidays, some parents and pupils asked about snacks, lunch in school, the wearing of facemasks, socially distancing and other good questions about the return to school. Our central team at Moray Council HQ have produced detailed guidance in line with expectations outlined from the Scottish Government which is being finalised and once it has been received and updated with our own school context, this will be sent to parents and pupils. We anticipate that this will be issued at the end of this week.

All students are expected to attend in full school uniform. As always, uniform should not be a barrier to school attendance and we do have items and access to services where we will help to provide items should this assistance be required. New S1 will be given their tie on the first day. Otherwise, it is black trousers or a skirt, a white shirt, school tie, school jumper or black jumper. In addition, pupils in S1-3 may purchase and wear a black hoodie in school. For all other students, outdoor jackets must be removed in class.

We understand that these may be anxious times for some of you and we hope to send out regular communication to give you the most up to date information.

Please be assured that we are taking every precaution and that our key consideration is the health and safety of our pupils and staff to ensure a safe return to school and your ongoing support is crucial to our success.

I thank you in advance of your understanding and I look forward to being in touch as soon as more information becomes available.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T. Cameron', written in a cursive style.

Mrs T Cameron
Head Teacher