



29 June 2020

Dear Student

I hope you are well and had a nice weekend. Did you all manage to see the video of Hamish the school dog in last Wednesday's briefing?

After many weeks of significant planning and attending numerous meetings, I have now received approval to share our back up plan if we are to return with restrictions like social distancing.

You will be aware that the Scottish Government announced this week that schools will return 100% in August depending on the scientific and medical advice stating that it is safe to do so. As a result, we are now planning for this and look forward to the best-case scenario of welcoming you all back in August. However, we need to make you aware of this back up plan just in case there is not as much progress made and these restrictions are still in place. We are also working closely with Moray Council to establish what additional resources will be needed to increase this offer including support with the building, availability of transport, staffing, cleaning routines and other resources required to support educational delivery.

The Contingency Plan is a backup to be put in place should we be unable to make the predicted progress by the end of the summer holidays. Please read the following which will tell you about our plans.

Purpose of education in August/September

- Key concepts and demonstrations which can't be delivered online
- Explaining work to pupils
- Opportunity for pupils to ask questions
- Managed socialisation

Rationale for this plan

Although in an ideal world, we would rather have all you all back, should 2m social distancing rules be in place then the contingency timetable shows the most pupils we can bring on buses, ensure safe movement in the building, offer a clean environment and maximise staff hours to offer pupils once a week contact. This plan was also devised to take account of the fact that pupils may benefit from a transition back to school after the last few months of disruption.

Logistics of carrying out this plan

The school is set up for 2m social distancing as we have to plan using information that is available at the time. We have created videos to show you how this looks as well as explain the measures we have in place such as the one-way system. In addition, the school has been completely re-stocked of paper towels, soap and sanitizer. Full school uniform will be expected on your return to school as this helps to get into the right mindset, there is no competition to be dressed in a particular way and it enhances the security of our campus. We appreciate that this might be difficult for some families and we have stocks of uniform to help those in need. Videos and briefings will be sent, as detailed in the next point, to tell you all the information you will need to understand what your return to school will look like in terms of timings, equipment to be brought, lunchtime and transport arrangements.

Further communication to pupils and parents

It is my intention to issue a briefing to pupils on the GLOW Team 'MHS pupil info' on Thursday, unless more information is received prior to that date. There will then be a further update on GLOW teams towards the end of the week beginning 3 August and I will send an additional update on 10 August.

Timetable

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRID
8.45 AM - 11.30 AM (1 pm on Friday)	S1	S2	S3	S3	Senior Phase (S4-S6)
1.30 PM - 3.30 PM	Senior Phase (S4-S6)	Senior Phase (S4-S6)	Senior Phase (S4-S6)	Senior Phase (S4-S6)	

This is an overview of how the working week will look like in August if a blended learning model is to be followed. A more detailed version of this plan will be issued on Thursday. S3 and the Senior phase will attend classes on these times based on the columns which will be communicated on Thursday.

Should there be a 100% pupil return as normal in August, on the 12 August we ask that all S1 report to Games hall on arrival in school, however, SLT will be waiting at the bus turning circle to welcome our new students. All S2-6 pupils are asked to report to Well-being and Attainment Classes for the first two periods. There will be staff on hand to direct pupils on the first day back.

I do appreciate that this ever-changing picture can be unsettling but I ask you to be patient and continue to show the resilience that so many of you have demonstrated throughout this challenging period. I will try to keep you as updated as possible and we will take into account your thoughts and feelings as we continue to plan your return to school in August.

Best regards



Mrs T Cameron
Head Teacher