



5 March 2021

Dear Parent

I hope all continues to be well with you and your family and I am sure you were both heartened and perhaps anxious about the First Minister's message on Tuesday about an increased time allocation in the school building for pupils from 15 March 2021.

Phased return of pupils to school

We have devoted significant time to compile a plan to accommodate this request and we have tried to ensure that as many pupils as possible have time in school between 15 March 2021 and the Easter holidays. We are expected to provide a combination of some in-school learning and continued remote learning, where necessary. Prioritisation for in-school learning has to be given to Senior Phase students (S4-S6) as they aim to complete their SQA qualifications. In addition to this, we will be seeking to maximise the children in school who can attend the building where transport and the restriction of 2m distancing allows.

We are working with our central team at the local authority and once our plan has been approved by Moray Council HQ, then this can be shared with parents. It is anticipated that you will receive this detail on Monday. I appreciate that parents need to know the plan as soon as possible to make the necessary arrangements, but please be assured that I will share our phased return plan as soon as we receive the authorisation to do so. Our central team are working hard to support the school and make sure we offer the best experience possible with the restrictions in place.

I appreciate your patience and understanding that this is a significant task with many considerations to be undertaken in a very short period of time.

Whole School Challenge for February – Step challenge

The results are ...

Pupil: Mia Jackson – 295480

Parent – Mrs Heather Jackson – 438104

Staff – Mrs Nikki Duff – 488818 – Overall winner!

Congratulations to our winning stepper Mrs Duff from our office. Prizes are being arranged by our Parent council.

Donations to be split between Moray Food Plus and the SSPCA

We understand that many of our families are unable to donate to our chosen charities for February/March. For those who can, please consider giving what you can as our foodbank is being heavily used in addition to the increasing need of animal charities due to the shocking rise of animal welfare issues being reported during lockdown.


We have setup an account in iPay so staff and parents can log in to iPay and make the donation for the amount they have raised. If you log in to iPay, click on the '10,000 Steps Fundraiser' and then you can select Pay Amount. This will then transfer the funds to our account. Anyone who does not have an iPay account can request the code required to create this or, alternatively, can pay via cash or cheque – cheques payable to 'Milne's High School'. If paying by cash or cheque, this should be in a sealed envelope with the name of who has raised these funds clearly on the envelope and handed to a member of staff in school.

A reminder that the school is closed to all pupils, including those who have been attending our various hubs, on Monday 8 March due to the inservice day.

Stay safe and well and please look out for an update letter at the beginning of next week.

Meantime, thank you for your ongoing support and have a restful weekend.

Best regards

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

Mrs T Cameron
Head Teacher