

Parent Update

26 March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the final week of the term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support over the past few months. I fully appreciate how challenging circumstances have been for you and your children as they once again had to learn from home, particularly when the situation continued to change. My hope is that we begin to see some sense of normality again soon and I will be issuing information on behalf of West Lothian Council next week on the expectations for the return of students after Easter.

Senior Phase Assessments

Final plans are being made for the assessments that will take place in the final term for S4 – S6 students. As you know, the grades for National Qualifications will be based wholly on evidence gathered in school rather than an external exam or inferred judgement. These assessments will be the final opportunity for students to provide evidence of their levels of attainment and as such it is vital that they are as fully prepared for these as possible. The timing of them will vary for each subject, in accordance with SQA guidance and learning will still be taking place during the final term in preparation for them. However, as with any assessments, students should take every opportunity to prepare themselves in advance and the Easter break is an ideal time for this. Your child's teachers will have been giving advice on what to study and where to access materials and I would ask for your help in encouraging them to follow this advice. A number of students have already signed up to the digital national study programme and I would strongly encourage all senior students to do so.

I will be holding a virtual assembly with all S4 – S6 students via Teams on Tuesday during Tutor to explain more to them about what they can expect in this final assessment period.

S1 Parents' Evening

Following Tuesday's Parents' Evening, I would like to invite S1 parents to take part in a brief survey. This will help us to plan future events and can be accessed by following the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKcCaRwS7xGxBneKkd9aaxTBUMkxDSjRERUgwWDZYRENYUkJLVUZXQzNNRy4u>

I hope that you and your families have a good weekend and remain safe and well.

Pauline Allison
Head Teacher

Reminder of Covid 19 Protocols

As you are aware, with the return of our pupils and staff to school, we have put procedures in to place that support all members of the school community if anyone displays symptoms of Covid 19.

A reminder that the symptoms are:

- High temperature or fever
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste

If a pupil displays symptoms, we will contact you to collect your child (please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details). **Pupils over the age of 16 may return home themselves.** The pupil should, if possible, wear a face covering en route and avoid public transport.

You will be asked to follow Test and Protect and we will provide you with a copy of the Test and Protect Leaflet and Step by Step Guide when your child is collected.

Information on the groups of children within the school, **and on school transport**, and the adults that each group of children come in to contact with will be collected. This is to fulfil legal responsibilities for public health and will allow Test and Protect to contact appropriate people in the event of a positive test result.

If anyone within your household tests positive for Covid 19, please do not send your child to school. Report their absence and the reason for this by calling PSA in the morning.