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PHASE 2 RETURN PLANS TO LOCHSIDE ACADEMY

The First Minister issued a statement to Parliament on 2 March in which she outlined a phased return to school for pupils in Scotland between Monday 15 March and the Easter holidays. This is called the Phase 2 Return Plan and its purpose is to prepare pupils for the full-time return to school on Monday 12 April.

In this letter, I will share with you the Phase 2 Return Plan for Lochside Academy, providing both the rationale for our plan and an overview of the arrangements.

Our Phase 2 Return Plan will run the 2 weeks beginning Monday 15 and Monday 22 March (10 school days).

Rationale for Phase 2 Return Plan

I. *All staff and pupils who are in the school building during Phase 2 must maintain 2m physical distancing at all times:*

With 2m physical distancing, it is not possible to have all pupils in school full-time between 15 and 26 March. Given this is the case, we have prioritised maintaining high quality remote learning for all pupils.

II. *Maintain current 'in-school' provision:*

Our Senior Phase pupils who are completing National Qualifications in subjects with a high level of practical activity will continue to attend school, as arranged, until the Easter holidays. This is essential as we must capture assessment evidence for pupils in order to ensure SQA certification. This work cannot be completed through remote learning.

The children of key workers and vulnerable learners will continue to attend school as per current arrangements.

III. *Continue to deliver high-quality remote learning experiences to all our pupils:*

During the 2-week period of Phase 2, remote learning will continue to be the main way in which pupils access their learning. It is essential that we limit disrupting the remote learning timetable we have in place. Our pupils are being taught, online, by a subject specialist, which allows for progression in knowledge and skills through the BGE and

Senior Phase. Being taught by a subject specialist also supports the full-time return to school. Pupils will continue the work they are doing currently with their class teacher until they return on 12 April.

IV. To provide opportunities for pupils to reconnect with school and their friends:

This is all about pupils’ wellbeing and helping them to build their confidence about returning, full-time, to a school environment on 12 April.

In addition, our Phase 2 Return Plan aims to:

- **brief all pupils on further COVID-19 mitigations, including the wearing of face masks by pupils at all times.**
- **Brief all senior phase pupils on additional SQA practical classes that have been added for in-school attendance during the 2-week Phase 2 period.** Where applicable, senior phase pupils must attend these classes to have a positive impact on the SQA grades they are awarded this session. We will also advise all senior phase pupils on approaches to study and assessment preparation in order to support their wellbeing and minimise anxiety.

Overview of Arrangements

The arrangements are summarised for you in the table below. More detailed information, including specific timings, will be shared directly with you this week. Please ensure that your child checks their email and Google Classroom posts regularly.

Year Group Plan

Children of Key Workers/ Vulnerable Learners	Continue to attend school, as arranged.					
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<p>S4-S6 pupils who follow NESCOL courses</p>	<p>Continue to access learning online.</p>	
<p>All S4-S6 pupils <i>(only those who have not been issued an individualised timetable)</i></p>	<p>Continue to follow home learning timetable and submit their Daily Attendance Form unless asked to come in to school additionally to undertake SQA course work.</p> <p>Attend school on Monday 15 March at 1.45pm – 2.45pm.</p> <p>Attend school on Monday 22 March at 1.45pm – 2.45pm.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Wellbeing • Presentations about assessment next term to support SQA certification.
<p>All S3 pupils</p>	<p>Continue to follow home learning timetable and submit their Daily Attendance Form.</p> <p>Attend school on Wednesday 17 March at 9.00am – 11.15am. Further details to be emailed out to families.</p> <p>Attend school on Wednesday 24 March at 9.00am – 11.15am. Further details to be emailed out to families.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Wellbeing • Timetable to be issued this week.
<p>All S2 pupils</p>	<p>Continue to follow home learning timetable and submit their Daily Attendance Form.</p> <p>Attend school on Tuesday 16 March at 9.00am – 11.15am. Further details to be emailed out to families.</p> <p>Attend school on Tuesday 23 March at 9.00am – 11.15am. Further details to be emailed out to families.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Wellbeing • Timetable to be issued this week.

All S1 pupils	<p>Continue to follow home learning timetable and submit their Daily Attendance Form.</p> <p>Attend school on Monday 15 March at 9.00am – 11.15am. Further details to be emailed out to families.</p> <p>Attend school on Monday 22 March at 9.00am – 11.15am. Further details to be emailed out to families.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Wellbeing • Timetable to be issued this week.
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Phase 2 Return to School – Practicalities

- ***School Uniform***

For Phase 2 Return, pupils are not required to wear school uniform. The wearing of full school uniform will resume for all pupils on Monday 12 April after the Easter holidays.

- ***Bus transport timetables for transport to school***

All bus timetables will be issued as soon as these become available from First Bus. We will email this information to you as soon as we received it.

- ***Pupil Entrances***

To ensure physical distancing of pupils on entry into school building it is crucial that your child enters school at the appropriate entry point when instructed to do so by school staff as indicated below:

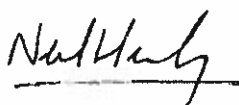
Year group	Entry point	Specific instructions
S1 – S3 pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil entrances leading into school dining hall beside bus turning circle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please keep pupil entrances clear and approach entrance only when class are called forward by school staff at 0900.
S4 pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrance to the immediate left side of entrance to library (as before Christmas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please enter by the S4 pupil entrance when door is opened for 0900 start.
S5/S6 pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main entrance at front of school (as before Christmas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please enter by the main entrance no earlier than when opened for 0900 start.

COVID-19 Mitigations

- **Face masks:** all pupils (S1-S6) must wear a face mask on entry to the school building and at all times within the school building.
- **Physical distancing:** pupils must follow Government guidelines regarding physical distancing and retain a 2m physical distance from other pupils, as we all must do, both inside and outside school building.
- **Assigned classrooms:** pupils must report to the classroom allocated at the designated time, following the one-way system. We have been instructed to minimise movement. It is important pupils remain within the class they are allocated to.
- **Hand sanitising:** pupils must use hand sanitiser on entry and exit to the school building and on entry and exit to classrooms.
- **Cleaning of workspace:** pupils will be responsible for cleaning their own workspace with the cleaning materials provided.
- **Drinking water:** pupils should bring their own bottle of water.
- **Lateral Flow Testing:** all information regarding Lateral Flow Testing has already been issued to our S4-S6 pupils. Further information for S1-S3 will be issued over the next two weeks following Scottish Government announcements.
- **COVID-19 symptoms:** if your child is feeling unwell or displaying any COVID-19 symptoms, please do not send them to school. Our remote learning offer remains strong and they can access learning from home.
- **Behaviour & public safety:** if any pupil is displaying unsafe behaviours, parents/carers will be contacted and alternative arrangements made for that child.

We are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school and trust that our Phase 2 Return Plan, as indicated above, will ease the transition of pupils back into school and prepare them for full-time return, after the Easter holidays, on Monday 12 April. Your support for this final push through to the Easter holidays is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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