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Dear Parent/Carer

### **S1 Curriculum**

Our S1 to S3 curriculum is designed to offer a range of experiences throughout the broad general education and pupils get the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills across various curriculum areas throughout S1 and S2. As pupils move into S3, they begin to personalise aspects of their curriculum within these curriculum areas in preparation for the Senior Phase.

One of the subjects which pupils experience in S1 is Food and Consumer Technology (FCT) where they develop their understanding of a healthy diet and acquire knowledge and skills to make healthy food choices. Due to reasons outwith our control this session, we have not been able to provide a consistent experience in FCT for all pupils in S1 with less practical lessons than would normally be delivered and pupils regularly working with a teacher who is not a subject specialist.

In order to give all pupils a high quality learning experience, we have made the decision that pupils will no longer have FCT for the remainder of their time in S1. Although pupils would not normally have FCT in S2, we are currently planning to alter our S2 curriculum so that FCT is a subject which will be offered to them as part of their timetable. This will hopefully allow us time to recruit a subject specialist before August and pupils can take part in a blend of practical and theory lessons in this curriculum area before making decision about their curriculum for S3.

For the remainder of S1, the current FCT periods will be replaced with a period of Creative Skills (a planned experience between Art & Design, Music and Drama) and a period of Employability Skills (a planned experience by our Social Subjects faculty).

All pupils will be issued with a new timetable before the end of term during Tutor time and they should follow this new timetable from January.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pupil Support teacher.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher