



23 April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Return to School – COVID Mitigations and SQA Examinations**

I am writing to provide some detail about the return to school for all pupils following the Easter break.

#### COVID Mitigations

As you will be aware, the COVID restrictions have recently changed significantly in wider society and, as a result, there are changes to the mitigations we have in place in school. We are currently reviewing the latest guidance for schools which was issued over the Easter break and will share exactly what this means for us in the Craigmount Update on Friday.

In the meantime, it is still recommended that pupils wear face coverings in corridors and indoor social spaces, so I would encourage all pupils to continue to bring a face covering to school when we return on Monday. However, from Monday, we will no longer have the requirement for pupils to use different doors to enter the school. We will continue to use the front and back entrances to the school but we would encourage pupils to go to whichever entrance is nearest to their walk to school or first class.

In line with the guidance from the Scottish Government, the advice for staff and pupils to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic LFD testing will no longer apply. This will mean that testing kits will no longer be issued in Tutor.

#### SQA Examinations

We issued a letter on 25 March 2022 detailing the arrangements for the SQA examinations which start this week. The letter contained information about exam leave, our Meaningful May programme and the details of our support classes which will run throughout the exam diet. You can find all this information on our website [here](#).

We are expecting to see all S4-S6 pupils in school on Monday and Tuesday as this will allow every pupil in the Senior Phase to attend every subject at least once before the official start of study leave. This should give them the opportunity to discuss their progress over Easter and hopefully ensure that they have a focussed plan for each subject for their study leave. The only exceptions to this are pupils who are sitting Politics on Tuesday or Geography on Wednesday – their study leave will start the day before their first exam. However, we would still advise them to be in school where possible so that they benefit from the contact with their teacher in the first two days.

Throughout the study leave there will be dedicated study spaces in school and pupils can make use of these for focussed revision.

On Monday 25 April, all S4-S6 exam pupils will also receive a copy of their SQA Individual Timetable. This will contain specific information about their exam room and their exam seat number. If there are any issues, then pupils must contact their Pupil Support Leader. They should also have signed up to [MySQA](#) through the SQA Website and be working through their revision plan for the upcoming exams.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all pupils who are being presented for qualifications this year the best of luck in their upcoming examinations and final coursework. They have worked tirelessly throughout a challenging period in their school career and we are looking forward to seeing their hard work pay off this term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Meikle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot above the 'i'.

Colin Meikle  
Headteacher