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## Dear Parent/Carer

Following consultation with pupil groups, staff and our Parent Council, we will move to a new temporary timetable format from **Monday**, **19**<sup>th</sup> **October**.

## Reason for this change

Due to the constantly evolving situation with COVID, we already have taken a number of mitigations to keep staff and young people safe in school. However, with the increasing COVID numbers in Lanarkshire and the number of transitions experienced by young people and staff in school it is challenging to ensure appropriate distancing at times.

## What will this change mean?

Our new timetable will have 14 double periods and 4 single periods each week. This will remove a number of period changeovers each week and is a further step to keep our staff and young people safe at school.

The timetable will be spread out over 2 weeks and pupils will have the same amount of time per subject as they had previously. We will have an "odd week" and an "even week" and this will be clearly signposted in school to help remind pupils. In addition, we will take steps to ensure S1/2 seating bubbles.

Pupils will be given a new blank template sheet and asked to complete their personal timetable this week in Tutor Time.

We will review this approach in the weeks ahead.

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Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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