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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well. The purpose of this letter is to provide an update regarding arrangements from Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February following the Scottish Government's announcement yesterday.

### **Senior Phase Students**

Senior Phase students can return to school to complete essential practical work, which is part of certificated courses, from Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February. To ensure that a maximum of 8% of students are in school each day, in line with Government guidelines, a timetable for Senior Phase students studying practical subjects has been prepared for the first two weeks and can be found at the end of this letter. An email will be sent to parents/carers of students who study Woodwork, Art, Musical Theatre, Music, Administration, Computing Science, Drama, Graphics, Hospitality, Sports Development and Design and Manufacture, to confirm the dates on which students should attend school in the initial few weeks. For some subjects, students should attend for full days. For other subjects, students should attend for half days (mornings or afternoons). Additional dates for in school practical work will be confirmed in due course.

Unless exempt, Senior Phase students should wear face masks at all times whilst in school. Students must also observe 2 metre physical distancing, therefore it has been necessary to arrange for students to attend classes in small groups.

When arriving at school, Senior Phase students should enter via the doors at the PE department. Morning sessions for practical work will run from 8.50 am - 11.50 am, with fifteen minutes for interval (10.30-10.45am) and fifteen minutes for hand washing and sanitising any equipment. Afternoon sessions will run from 12.30 pm - 3.30 pm, with fifteen minutes for interval (2.00 pm - 2.15 pm) and fifteen minutes for hand washing and sanitising equipment. Lunch-time for Senior Phase students who are in school for the full day will be from 11.50 am – 12.30 pm. We would encourage students to purchase their lunch from the school canteen, using the pre-order facility. Pre-orders should be placed using the Fusion App. Should Senior Phase students choose to leave the school grounds at lunch-time, they must adhere to current safety regulations whilst in shops/cafes and cannot bring hot food into the school building.

Students who travel on school transport must also observe 2 metre distancing. Face masks must also be worn on school transport. If students only need to be in school for practical work for mornings or afternoons, they only need to attend for these classes. However, if they travel by

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school transport, it will be possible for students to study in school out with the times of their practical classes on the days they need to be in school. At other times in the week, they should continue to follow their timetable and complete their learning for other subjects remotely.

Senior phase students are encouraged to participate in the lateral flow test programme outlined in the letter sent last week. Test kits will be issued by Mrs Grierson, Science Technician, to pupils who volunteer to participate in this programme and have returned their signed consent form. Mrs Grierson will be based in the Street area until school starts each morning, at interval and at lunch-time. Consent forms can be found on the school website (<https://www.lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk/lettersdocuments/>) or collected from the school office. Completed forms should be returned to the school office. Two kits, containing six tests, which will last three weeks will be supplied at one time for students who are attending schools. Our suggested testing days for those participating in the lateral flow testing are Sunday and Wednesday.

Remote learning and teaching will continue for all students in non-practical subjects through Google Classroom.

### **S1-S3 Students**

Remote learning will continue for all S1-S3 students. On days when teachers are delivering practical lessons in school to Senior Phase students they will not be able to deliver live lessons through Google Meet, however, classwork will be uploaded in advance.

### **Arrangements for Key Workers' Children and Vulnerable Students**

Key workers' children and those who are vulnerable will be able to access digital learning in school and will be supported by teachers and school support assistants on a rota basis. From 22<sup>nd</sup> February, key workers' children and those who are vulnerable will be based in the school library or other classrooms, with access to Chromebooks. S1-S3 pupils should enter the building through the main entrance, whilst Senior Phase students should enter through the doors at the PE department. Breakfast, morning interval snacks and lunches will be available for students to pre-order using the Fusion App. Parents/can add funds for school meals through ParentPay. For those entitled to a free school meal, funds will be added to their Fusion accounts. Please contact the school office for advice as required. Packed lunches can also be brought to school.

### **Pupil Engagement**

We have been very pleased with the high levels of pupil engagement during the period of remote learning and would like to thank pupils and parents/carers. We are aware, however, of the challenges that remote learning brings for pupils. To provide additional support for pupils, three Acting Principal Teachers of Equity, Inclusion and Engagement (0.2FTE) have been appointed: Miss Clark, Mrs Dunbar and Miss Fletcher. Class teachers, Faculty Heads, Principal Teachers of Pupil Support and the Senior Management Team will continue to monitor and support engagement.

### **New Teacher**

Miss Kelly, Teacher of Drama, joined our Expressive Arts Faculty on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> February. Miss Kelly is looking forward to getting to know her pupils in school and through Google Classroom.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Barbara Lee  
Acting Head Teacher

## Practical Work – Subject Arrangements

An email will be sent to parents/carers to confirm the dates on which pupils should attend school each day to complete essential practical work that can't be completed at home. Some initial dates have been confirmed in week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March – additional classes will be confirmed for week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March by the end of February.

Day	Date	AM/PM	Subject	Level	Group	Column
Mon	22.2	Full day	Woodwork	N5	1	D
Mon	22.2	AM	Art	AH	All	A
Mon	22.2	AM	Art	H	All	G
Mon	22.2	AM	Musical Theatre	NPA	All	D
Mon	22.2	PM	Music	AH	All	F
Mon	22.2	PM	Music	H	All	F
Mon	22.2	AM	Computing	H	1	G
Mon	22.2	PM	Computing	H	2	G
Tues	23.2	Full day	Woodwork	N5	1	D
Tues	23.2	AM	Computing	N5	1	D
Tues	23.2	PM	Computing	N5	2	D
Tues	23.2	AM	Drama	AH	All	G
Tues	23.2	AM	Drama	H	All	G
Tues	23.2	AM	Graphics	N5	1	F
Tues	23.2	PM	Graphics	N6	2	F
Wed	24.2	Full day	Woodwork	N5	1	D
Wed	24.2	AM	Drama	N5	1	E
Wed	24.2	AM	Drama	N5	2	E
Wed	24.2	PM	Drama	N5	1	G
Wed	24.2	PM	Drama	N5	2	G
Thurs	25.2	Full day	Woodwork	N5	1	D
Thurs	25.2	Full day	Hospitality	N5	1	F
Thurs	25.2	Full day	Hospitality	N5	1	G
Thurs	25.2	AM	Computing	AH	All	C
Thurs	25.2	PM	Computing	N5	3	D
Fri	26.2	AM	Admin	H	1	G
Fri	26.2	AM	Admin	H	2	G
Fri	26.2	AM	Graphics	AH	All	F
Mon	1.3	Full day	Woodwork	N5	2	D
Mon	1.3	Full day	Sports Development	NPA	1	A
Mon	1.3	Full day	Sports Development	NPS	1	F
Tues	2.3	Full day	Hospitality	N5	2	F
Tues	2.3	AM	Music	N5	1	B
Tues	2.3	AM	Music	N5	2	B
Tues	2.3	AM	Design & Man	AH	1	C
Tues	2.3	AM	Design & Man	H	1	C
Tues	2.3	PM	Design & Man	H	2	C
Wed	3.3	Full day	Hospitality	N5	2	F
Wed	3.3	Full day	Hospitality	N5	2	G

Wed	3.3	AM	Art	N5	1	E
Wed	3.3	AM	Art	N5	2	E
Wed	3.3	AM	Design & Man	N5	1	G
Wed	3.3	AM	Design & Man	N5	2	G
Wed	3.3	PM	Design & Man	N5	3	G
Wed	3.3	PM	Design & Man	N5	4	G
Thurs	4.3	AM	Admin	N5	1	E
Thurs	4.3	PM	Admin	N5	2	E
Thurs	4.3	AM	Graphics	H	1	C
Thurs	4.3	PM	Graphics	H	2	C
Fri	5.3	AM	Admin	N5	3	E
Tues	9.3	Full day	Hospitality	N5	4	F
Tues	9.3	Full day	Hospitality	N5	4	G
Wed	10.3	Full day	Hospitality	N5	5	F
Wed	10.3	Full day	Hospitality	N5	5	G