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Dear Parent/Carer

Please find below information regarding the return to school in August for pupils.

Context

On 23 June, John Swinney, the Depute First Minister (DFM), made a statement in Parliament which detailed the ambition of The Scottish Government for all children and young people to return to school full-time in August 2020. The DFM stressed that it is an aim which the Government is now working towards but it “remains conditional and dependent upon ongoing scientific and health advice.”

On the basis of this statement, Northfield Academy is planning to re-open on a full-time basis in August 2020.

However, we have also created a School Recovery Contingency Plan which will be implemented only if the conditions for a full re-opening of the school have not been met.

By the week beginning 3 August, the Scottish Government will have instructed schools as to which plan is to be implemented. We will inform parents accordingly during this week.

The induction week as outlined below will be the same for a full re-opening or a recovery/contingency re-opening.

Chief Education Officer Letter

Eleanor Sheppard (Chief Education Officer) has written to parents explaining the three possible scenarios for re-opening in August given the need to take stock of the situation at that point regarding COVID 19:

<https://northfield.aberdeen.sch.uk/?p=867>

School Recovery Contingency Plan

The School Recovery Contingency Plan - <https://northfield.aberdeen.sch.uk/?p=853>

Aspire to be outstanding

Induction Week – 10-14 August

All year groups will experience an induction session in the first week of term. During these sessions, pupils will be briefed on health and safety guidelines and behaviour expectations. Each pupil will receive a copy of their timetable and resources for their own use.

Day	Year Group
Monday	Staff in-service
Tuesday	Staff planning day
Wednesday	S1
Thursday	S2 & S3
Friday	S4 -S6

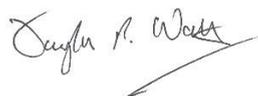
These inductions will be full days in school which will allow time for the following:

- Issuing timetables (as we will know by then whether it is a full return or a partial return)
- Going through the controls detailed in risk assessments – health and safety measures for pupils and staff
- Learning and teaching - building from in-home digital learning, issuing of individual resources
- Putting in place supports for vulnerable pupils and a focus on health and wellbeing
- Giving more time (1 day) for new S1 as they have only had a virtual transition to date

As catering services will not be available in the first week of term, pupils will be able to leave campus during lunch hour or bring a packed lunch.

I would like to wish you all a restful summer break and look forward to welcoming pupils back from the 12th August.

Yours sincerely,



Douglas Watt
Head Teacher