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Dear Parent / Carer,

The Scottish Government released an updated version of their Return to School Guidelines on the 24th March 2021:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-schoolreopening/pages/reducing-risks-implementation-and-enhanced-mitigations>.

It is planned that all pupils S1-S6 can return fulltime to Northfield Academy from 12th April 2021 following careful assessment of levels of community transmission by the Scottish Government.

Please note the following information below upon which a safe return to school for all pupils and staff is based:

- All pupils (S1-S6) **must** wear face masks at all times within all areas of the school building unless medically exempt. Exempt pupils will be required to show a lanyard or exemption card.
- Lateral flow testing is available to all pupils on a voluntary basis.
- There will be no requirement for pupils to socially distance when they return, although we would encourage this wherever possible as a precaution. Pupils will be encouraged to maintain effective hand hygiene through regular use of sanitiser and hand washing.
- The existing one way system and multiple entry / egress points will remain in place in school as per terms 1 and 2; pupils should report to the nearest entry point to their period 1 class daily.
- BGE phase pupils (S1-S3) should arrive at school between 8.40am-8.50am and proceed directly to their period 1 class
- Senior phase pupils (S4-S6) should arrive at school between 8.50am-9.00am and proceed directly to their period 1 class.

Whilst this term has been especially challenging for both pupils and staff alike, I am extremely encouraged by the consistently positive engagement which we have been tracking during this phase of remote learning. I would like to thank you all for supporting your son / daughter to achieve this.

Yours sincerely,

Douglas Watt
Head Teacher

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