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Dear Parent/Carer,

On 2nd March 2021 the First Minister updated Parliament on the next phase of the return to school building plans. Plans are dependent on continued suppression of the virus and will be confirmed on the 11th of March following a review of data on levels of transmission across Scotland. I write with specific details for this next phase of return from 15th March 2021.

Phased return to school from 15 March 2021

For the two weeks prior to the Easter holidays the following arrangements will take place for pupils:

- All Senior phase pupils already attending Northfield Academy for practical subject work should attend as per their timetables **only**. They will have been notified through Google classroom and their Gmail account.
- Keyworker / Vulnerable pupil provision; any pupils already attending Northfield Academy under this provision should continue to do so until the Easter holidays. This is the **only** timetable they should follow.
- Any other pupils not involved in keyworker / vulnerable provision or following Senior phase practical timetable, will be offered one year group session each week from 15th March. The details of this timetable can be seen in the appendix at the end of this letter. The focus of these sessions will be for pupils to “reconnect” with school life and their teachers, wellbeing-activities, an induction and preparation for a full return to school on the 12th of April and an opportunity for pupils to connect with their friends.
- All pupils from S1-S6 must always wear a mask inside the school building unless exempt. Exempt pupils will be expected to display an appropriate lanyard or exemption card.
- Pupils must always adhere to 2m social distancing from all other pupils and staff within the school building.

I appreciate that this recent period has been very unsettling for you and your family; managing and supporting your children with schoolwork whilst balancing the demands of everyday life has been extremely challenging for us all. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming our pupils back to Northfield Academy.

Yours sincerely,

Douglas Watt
Head Teacher

Appendix

Arrangements for the return to school from 15 March 2021

All learners should arrive at school as close to the starting time of 13.30 to avoid unnecessary crowding.

Entry and exit points will be as follows:

- Gym 1 and Gym 2 – all learners will enter and exit via the main entrance to the school.
- GP room – all learners will enter and exit via the D block door.
- Health & Wellbeing – all learners will assemble on the AstroTurf pitch.

All learners need to be wearing appropriate clothing on arrival. There will not be any changing facilities available. Clothing will need to be suitable for any poor weather for outdoor wellbeing sessions.

Expectations whilst in the school building:

- Learners in all year groups will need to observe 2m social distancing. This will be aided by demarked seating within Gym 1, Gym 2 and the GP room.
- Learners in all year groups will need to wear a face covering whilst inside the school building (exemption lanyards/cards will be required).

Schedule of return to school from 15 March 2021

	MONDAY 15/03 & MONDAY 22/03 [S5 & S6 LEARNERS ONLY]			
LOCATION:	GYM 1	GYM 2	GP ROOM	ASTRO H&WB
13.30 – 14.15	5S	5B / 5W		5M / S6
14.15 – 15.00	S6		5M	5S / 5B / 5W

	TUESDAY 16/03 & TUESDAY 23/03 [S4 LEARNERS ONLY]			
LOCATION:	GYM 1	GYM 2	GP ROOM	ASTRO H&WB
13.30 – 14.15	4B	4S1	4M1	4M2 / 4S2 / 4W
14.15 – 15.00	4W	4S2	4M2	4B / 4S1 / 4M1

	WEDNESDAY 17/03 & WEDNESDAY 24/03 [S3 LEARNERS ONLY]			
LOCATION:	GYM 1	GYM 2	GP ROOM	ASTRO H&WB
13.30 – 14.15	3W2	3S	3M2	3B / 3M1 / 3W1
14.15 – 15.00	3W1	3B	3M1	3M2 / 3S / 3W2

	THURSDAY 18/03 & THURSDAY 25/03 [S2 LEARNERS ONLY]			
LOCATION:	GYM 1	GYM 2	GP ROOM	ASTRO H&WB
13.30 – 14.15	2W1	2B1	2S	2B2 / 2M / 2W2
14.15 – 15.00	2W2	2B2	2M	2B1 / 2S / 2W1

	FRIDAY 19/03 & FRIDAY 26/03 [S1 LEARNERS ONLY]			
LOCATION:	GYM 1	GYM 2	GP ROOM	ASTRO H&WB
13.30 – 14.15	1S2	1B2	1W	1B1 / 1M / 1S1
14.15 – 15.00	1S1	1B1	1M	1B2 / 1S2 / 1W