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24 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

TURNBULL HIGH SCHOOL – FULL RE-OPENING PLANS (19 April 2021)

In line with current guidance for the reopening of schools in April 2021 from Scottish Government and East Dunbartonshire Council, we have been working on plans to bring all of our pupils back to full time learning.

In Turnbull High School, these plans will operate as follows.

- **FULL TIME RETURN TO SCHOOL**

From 19 April, **ALL** S1-6 pupils will return to school **FULL TIME** every day from Monday to Friday as the restrictions on social distancing will have changed. Normal school day times will apply again from this point – ie school will start each day at 9 am and finish at 3.45 pm (Mon/Tues/Thurs) and 2.55 pm (Wed/Fri).

- **PUPILS WILL CONTINUE TO STUDY IN “LEARNING” BLOCKS**

We will not be returning to the “single period” class timetable from December and will continue to run AM and PM sessions similar to lockdown.

This will allow us to both provide S4-6 with the time needed to finish their courses and assessments and minimise the risk of COVID transmission (due to helping with social distancing and having fewer changes of classes and contacts).

AM sessions will be periods 1-3 and PM sessions will be periods 4-6.

S1-3 pupils will have breaks in each of the AM/PM sessions and S4-6 pupils will have a combined break/lunch between AM/PM sessions (as per current blended learning provisions).

- **PERIOD 7 PROVISION**

During period 7 on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, pupils will take part in the following activities.

- S1 *interdisciplinary creative project to commemorate lockdown life*
- S2 *masterclasses in S3 option choices to support personalisation in social subjects and science*
- S3 *interhouse wellbeing activities and preparation for Senior Phase*
- S4-6 *supervised study¹*

¹ S5/6 pupils who wish to leave school at the end of period 6 to study at home can do so – please contact Mr Mitchell to arrange this (dmitchell@turnbull.e-dunbarton.sch.uk)



- **COVID PREVENTION MEASURES**

When pupils return to school they must ensure that they follow the advice below to help keep everyone in our Community as safe as possible from COVID.

- *S1-3 will enter through FRONT pupil entrance to maximise social distancing.*
- *S4-6 will enter through REAR pupil entrance to maximise social distancing.*
- *Pupils to follow one way systems to maximise social distancing.*
- *Pupils to maintain social distancing of 2m whenever possible.*
- *Pupils will need to wear a face mask at all times (unless they are exempt).*
- *Pupils should continue to use their dedicated social spaces at breaks.*
- *Pupils must follow sanitation procedures in class (eg sanitising hands and desks, etc)*
- *COVID home testing kits will be available for all pupils to collect and use.*

Please note that any pupil who shows COVID symptoms at any time MUST immediately self-isolate and arrange testing, and contact the School Office to allow us to action our track and protect procedures.

To ensure pupils are clear about the details of all these provisions we will use Period 1 on their return to school on 19 April 2021 to issue updated timetables and discuss them in registration groups.

Thank you for your patience and support with adapting to these changes in learning provision that we have had to make over this past term due updates to Government advice and procedure.

I hope your family stays safe and has a happy and Holy Easter break.

Yours faithfully



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