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School Return Plans from Monday 15th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Please find below the timetable for the school return plans.

School Return Plan

Thank you very much for your continued support, patience and trust whilst we adapted our Blended Learning plan. At the end of this letter (and attached) is the plan, per year group, for the three weeks leading up to Easter. It is anticipated that there will be a full school return, with no social distancing for all year groups, full time, after Easter. More information on this is to follow from the Scottish Government and this will be directly related to the number of positive cases in Scotland coming out of lockdown. We have consulted on these plans with our unions, staff and our parent council. They are equitable and supportive of all year groups. The plan also keeps wider year group bubbles separate each day to help further protect our community.

Following the Scottish Guidance, all S1-S6 students will be in Newbattle at least once per week from 15th March. S4-S6 have the priority (towards their grades) with S1-S3 having transition days in school for wellbeing and reconnecting. This will not be full learning with their original class teacher or full time for the three weeks. The reasons for this will be highlighted below, but in short we do not have enough staff or classrooms to keep over 1000 pupils 2m apart in the building at the same time. Staff are also still needed in our very busy critical childcare Hub. An example is on Thursday 18th March, when S1 and S2 are in the building, Newbattle will use close to x50 teachers. That only leaves around x25 teachers for Remote Learning with S3, S4, S5 and S6.

The following enhanced risk mitigations will be implemented and students have the responsibility to follow these:

- Strict 2m social distancing between all in the school building
- Strict 1m social distancing on school buses, in line with guidelines for public transport
- The wearing of face masks by all pupils and members of staff at all times, except when eating and drinking unless medically exempt
- Minimal movement around the school building

Attached is a booklet for your young person. Please take time to read this through with them.

Some answers to frequently asked questions:

- Hands are to be sanitised on entry/exit to the building/classrooms
- School bus will run as normal with an earlier pick up on Thursday 18th March, 31st March and 1st April as below
- Appropriate clothing - close to school uniform. Back to our normal school uniform after Easter
- 2m social distancing at all times in the building
- Face masks to be worn at all times in the building unless medically exempt
- Advise that students bring their own lunch. Those going off site must follow wider society rules and also respect our community e.g. social distancing, no littering etc
- If you have a device, you must bring it. We have handed out all of our devices
- Hub pupils will join their year group on the transition days designated and return to the Hub on the other days

S4, S5 and S6 - Senior Phase

All Senior Phase (S4-S6) students will be in school for the full day (0830-1525) on the following dates each week:

- Week 1: Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th March
- Week 2: Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th March
- Week 3: Monday 29th March and Tuesday 30th March

If any student who would normally be timetabled for a School-College Partnership, Foundation Apprenticeship or LEAPs course on a Tuesday/Thursday afternoon, can leave at 1255 to work with their tutors remotely from home. If anyone requires school transport, they can stay in school and an area will be provided for them to complete this work.

S1, S2 and S3 - Broad General Education

All Broad General Education (S1-S3) students will be in school from 0830-1255 on the following dates each week:

- Week 1: S1 (18th and 19th March), S2 (18th March), S3 (19th March)
- Week 2: S1 (25th March), S2 (25th and 26th March), S3 (26th March)
- Week 3: S1 (31st March), S2 (1st April), S3 (31st March and 1st April)

Pupils will be allocated bubbles, based on their Learning Coach group. Groups will be assigned a classroom for the day where they will work on broad curricular areas delivered by faculty teachers. Examples of tasks and activities could be:

- covering remote learning for that curricular area;
- looking at gaps in learning to build back better;
- revising prior knowledge;
- extending learning from remote learning;
- carrying out project based work.

S1, S2 and S3 pupils will work for two blocks of roughly two hours with a 15 minute break in-between. The school day will finish at 12:55pm for these pupils.

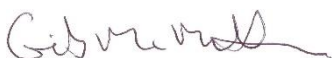
Pupils will be told which class they are in and which room to go to in a number of ways. This will be through their subject and PSE Google Classrooms (S1-S3 via their Learner Coach too). We will also Groupcall this home to you and will be on the website. Staff will also be on hand to help as they enter the building.

Many thanks for your continued support, trust and patience as we enter the three weeks leading up to Easter. In this time we will be welcoming S1-S3 in the building for close to 17 hours of reconnecting and S4-S6 for close to 50 hours of face to face teaching.

Over the last year and more than ever, we have come together as a community to help each other and I am extremely grateful for all of your help, support and feedback. Our school values are demonstrated every day in how we all Achieve, Include, Motivate and Respect Newbattle High School and our families.

We will keep you updated with any further information via our usual channels of communication.

Yours sincerely,



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School Return Timetable

When in school students will be following the timetable shown below:

		Year Groups In School	Class 1 (0830-1035)	Class 2 (1050-1255)	Class 3 Senior Students Only (1325-1525)
Week 1	Monday (15/03/21)	S4/5/6	Column C	Column B	Column F
	Tuesday (16/03/21)	S4/5/6	Column D	Column E	Column A
	Wednesday (17/03/21)	S4/5/6	Column C	Column B	Column F
	Thursday (18/03/21)	S1 and S2	S1 students will split into Learner Coach groups for their subjects S2 students will split into Learner Coach groups for their subjects		
	Friday (19/03/21)	S1 and S3	S1 students will split into Learner Coach groups for their subjects S3 students will split into Learner Coach groups for their subjects		
Week 2	Monday (22/03/21)	S4/5/6	Column D	Column E	Column A
	Tuesday (23/03/21)	S4/5/6	Column C	Column B	Column A
	Wednesday (24/03/21)	S4/5/6	Column D	Column E	Column F
	Thursday (25/03/21)	S1 and S2	S1 students will split into Learner Coach groups for their subjects S2 students will split into Learner Coach groups for their subjects		
	Friday (26/03/21)	S2 and S3	S2 students will split into Learner Coach groups for their subjects S3 students will split into Learner Coach groups for their subjects		
Week 3	Monday (29/03/21)	S4/5/6	Column C	Column B	Column F
	Tuesday (30/03/21)	S4/5/6	Column D	Column E	Column A
	Wednesday (31/03/21)	S1 and S3	S1 students will split into Learner Coach groups for their subjects S3 students will split into Learner Coach groups for their subjects		
	Thursday (01/04/21)	S2 and S3	S2 students will split into Learner Coach groups for their subjects S3 students will split into Learner Coach groups for their subjects		

ACHIEVE

- ✓ I aim beyond my potential.
- ✓ I help others see their potential.
- ✓ I am ambitious about what we can achieve together.

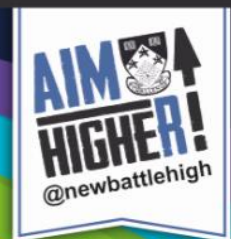
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INCLUDE

- ✓ I welcome all.
- ✓ I look forward to working with everyone.
- ✓ I know it's important to be part of our community.

#aimhigher



MOTIVATE

- ✓ I take every opportunity.
- ✓ I encourage others when they need it.
- ✓ I make the most of every situation.

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RESPECT

- ✓ I see the best in myself.
- ✓ I make others feel valued.
- ✓ I show care for our community.

#aimhigher

