

# Newbattle High School

## Headteacher Update

Week Ending 10<sup>th</sup> September



**10th September 2021**

### **Covid - Warn and Inform**

If your child is absent from school with covid symptoms, being tested for covid, or have been advised to isolate due to being a close covid contact - it must be reported to the school ASAP.

We have protocols that must be followed within the school to reduce the spread of covid-19, so your prompt attention in this matter would be appreciated.

Communication channels:



0131 561 6700



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### **School COVID Contingency Plans**

Newbattle continues to have effective COVID safety measures in place and we continue with our split bubbles of S1-S3 and S4-S6. The school is well prepared for all eventualities including a return to remote or blended learning. In this eventuality we would communicate with you immediately and send you the correct contingency plan. We are well prepared with:

- Our plans are ready if required for full remote learning, year group remote learning, blended learning prioritising senior phase learning as before and blended year group learning
- All students are already in google classrooms
- All pupils have a device with the exception of S1
  - S1 are very soon to receive their chromebook from the authority. We will issue these as soon as we have them.

The SQA have already announced that exams are planned. In their statement, they also highlight their contingency of significant disruption to learning. More can be read at: <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/98798.html>

### **S6 Blazers**

Following the successful rollout of the blazers to our Senior Prefects (and the huge desire from the rest of our S6 pupils!) We have decided to roll this out across the year group.

All S6 pupils were provided with a letter on Thursday asking for their parent/carer to measure them at home for their blazer. We have some available in school to try on if required.

Please ensure the correct size is ordered as exchanges will not be possible. Orders should be in by 27th September.

### **S5 Lockers**

S5 pupils will have the opportunity to purchase a locker from Monday, 13th September. A deposit of £5 is required for a locker - correct money only accepted. Pupils should visit the school office at break or lunch time.

**S3 Settling Into Subjects Evening**

S3 Parents Evening will be on Wednesday 22nd September via telephone. Information on bookings will be sent out next week.

**Photographs**

The proofs for the school photographs will be sent home with pupils on Monday. Information on how to order are within each pupils' pack.