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Education and Families

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your family have been able to enjoy the good weather that has thankfully accompanied most of the summer break this year, although given the recent change it might prove hard to remember.

I am writing today to let you know you will receive further information from me prior to the end of the day on Friday regarding final arrangements for the return to school on Monday. This will include an update on Covid-19 guidance (which remains broadly similar to that in place before the summer) arrangements for Monday morning and information regarding pupil timetables. I would kindly request that you also ask your child(ren) to keep an eye on their year group team as the information will also be posted there. Pupils will also be able to access their own timetable from the files section on their year group team prior to their return on Monday as well as a list of rooms each class should attend. For those pupils starting in S1 they should report directly to the school assembly hall on Monday morning before being escorted to classes with their Pupil support teacher. It would be helpful if new S1 pupils could arrive at the main entrance on Monday morning.

Lateral flow Device rapid testing

As you already know, all secondary school pupils have free access to rapid at-home LFD testing kits. The Scottish Government strongly encourages all pupils to test at home twice per week and have asked that where possible all pupils carry out a test immediately prior to returning to school on Monday. With that in mind, testing kits will be available for collection from the school office on Friday this week. For those who are already signed up to take part in this programme you can collect kits from the school office. For those yet to participate, including our new S1 pupils, you can also collect test kits but are required to provide the office with a signed consent form (attached). The government have made changes to the self-isolation guidance for close contacts and positive cases to help minimise disruption to learning and you will be informed of these changes should your child test positive or be identified as a close contact of someone else who tests positive.

In the meantime, can I ask that should your child(ren) test positive prior to Monday or indeed develop Covid symptoms (including a new persistent cough, fever or high temperature or loss or change of sense of smell or taste) that they immediately self-isolate and book a PCR test. They should continue to self-isolate pending the result and I would be grateful if you could also inform the school.



Lastly, I very much look forward to welcoming all our pupils back to Kilsyth Academy next week. I hope, and anticipate, that we will enjoy a more settled year ahead with a greater sense of normality than we have experienced over the last two sessions.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregg Orrock', written in a cursive style.

Gregg Orrock
Head Teacher