

Dear Parent/ Carer

Plan A – Full return for pupils in August 2020

Further to last week's update I write to advise of additional information with regards to a potential full return in August. I mentioned last week that we would need to ensure that all pupils received a proper induction to support transition, health and wellbeing, safety and learning.

As such the following arrangements have been put in place:

Monday 10 August Inservice for staff (no pupils)

Tuesday 11 August Inservice for staff (no pupils)

Wednesday 12 August New S1 pupils and All S6. This will give our new S1 pupils a chance to access the building, meet their senior buddies, find their way around the building, get to know their classmates etc.

Thursday 13 August All S1, S2, S3 and S6

Friday 14 August All S4, S5 and S6

I appreciate that everyone is keen to get going straight away, however it is important that we take time to ensure that all pupils feel supported to return and it is felt that having specific year groups in at this time, will enable us to do this .

Thank you for your patience and understanding with this.

As stated last week, we will know by 30 July if we are implementing Plan A or our contingency Plan B. Further information about Groups for plan B will be e-mailed tomorrow.

School meals provision for return of pupils to Turriff Academy

A message from our school catering team.

We look forward to welcoming our Academy pupils back and have been working hard behind the scenes to offer you an innovative way to provide you with our school lunches.

It is our intention to have in place by the start of the new term a new ordering App. This App will enable pupils to pre-order their lunch and collect it from designated collection points within the school. This will allow for the controlled flow of pupils and therefore helping to alleviate queues. More information regarding the App will be sent to you over the holidays.

From August we are committed to providing a service but as with everything at the moment this is a fluid situation and School Catering will change and adapt to the guidelines as they are given by the Scottish Government, direction from Aberdeenshire council and making sure the health and wellbeing of the pupils and our staff are at the front of everything we do. More details will follow on our service will be able to provide as we gain more information.

Due to current COVID-19 guidelines we require your support to restrict the handling of cash in schools to reduce the transmission of COVID –19. Please can we ask all parents to register prior to the start of term to make online payments. To register or make payment please follow this link - <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/meals/online-payments/>

SQA – Results

SQA results are due to be issued to senior pupils on Tuesday 4th August 2020. Pupils should remember that they should have already signed up to MYSQA in order to check their personal details and exam entries. However, if this has not already been accessed you still have time to sign up in order to receive results by e-mail or text. Please use the following link-

https://www.mysqa.org.uk/cs8/content/secure/my_homepage.jsp

You will be aware that in response to the cancellation of the 2020 exam diet, SQA developed an alternative certification model for 2020 to ensure the hard work of Scotland's learners is fully recognised through our qualifications system. The alternative certification model incorporates a revised post-certification review process for pupils who are not awarded the grades they expected. A candidate will only be eligible for review if the SQA have awarded a lower grade than the grade estimated by their centre. Post certification review is available for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Courses in 2020 only. Centres will be able to request one of two post-certification review types:

- A priority review for candidates with a conditional university or college offer (Friday, 14/08/20 Deadline).
- all other reviews (Friday, 21/08/20 Deadline).

There are three possible outcomes of post result service reviews:

- Agree with the original centre estimate and upgrade the candidate result.
- Disagree with the original centre estimate and confirm the grade awarded by SQA.
- Disagree with both the original centre estimate and the original grade awarded by SQA and apply an alternative, lower grade.

We have to highlight the fact that there is potential for grades to both go up but also to go down. It is therefore essential that any potential review be looked at on a case by case basis and Turriff Academy will always obtain a candidate's approval before submitting a request.

As we are not sure what restrictions will still be in place during the week of the results and it is likely that staff will be continuing to work from home please do not come into school. If you have a query with your results, please complete the form on the link below and someone will respond to your query. Please note queries will be prioritised according to SQA deadlines.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ_i1NCUSVndDttzBKC18CABHvbd5GmHcJTjZxx9lUQklyWjNUR0UwUFFKQTIQWkIHQOVjBOVi4u

And finally

Friday 3rd July

Our Awards ceremony will be broadcast at 10.30 am on our You Tube channel – the link will be on our school website and Facebook page.

The Big Reveal – House Championship will be broadcast at 12.00 noon – again the link will be on our school website and Facebook page.

Congratulations to everyone!

**Ms Menzies
Head Teacher**