

## Dear Parent/ Carer

You will be aware that we have been working on our Recovery Plan for pupil return in August. The planning has been based around ensuring safety, health and wellbeing and learning. I know that you are keen to know what this looks like and I hope to be in a position to share this with you next week.

It is important to note that our initial plans are based around the current guidance around social distancing and keeping safe. The return in August is phase one of a staged approach to returning to school on a part time basis. Pupils will be in school for some of the time with other learning being done at home. The benefit of being able to see pupils face to face again will help us make sure that the issues that some have had accessing home learning can be resolved much more quickly.

In order to give you an idea our local context, it is important to make you aware of the parameters that we are working to:

**Room capacity:** to adhere to 2m social distancing rules the average number of pupils we can have in a classroom is 8 or 9 pupils. We will be using larger spaces such as our Assembly Hall to enable more pupils to be in the building.

**Transport:** attached is information regarding transport capacity. Thank you to parents who have returned their information about transport. As you may be aware the capacity is reduced. We are currently working through what this means for transporting pupils to school and we will be back in touch with you next week. Thank you to those parents who have indicated that they may be in a position to transport their own young people to and from school.

**Canteen:** we are looking at being able to offer food at lunch time and the catering service has developed an APP for pre ordering so that those who wish will have their lunch delivered to their 'home' room or zone. At break and lunch time pupils will be expected to stay in the school / school grounds. Lunch time will be reduced to half an hour.

**Length of the school day :** we are looking at equalising the school days rather than having short and long days. This enables us to create more equity of provision as all days will be the same length.

**Risk Assessments :** these are currently being developed to include use of toilets, creation of one way systems, staggered breaks and lunchtimes, hygiene, reduction of lunchtime, breaks to be taken in school. These will be shared with you prior to pupil return

**Staffing availability:** another key factor in putting plans together for our curriculum delivery. All staff are keen to get back to the building, however we may have some staff not able to do so.

Thank you for your patience with this as I appreciate your need to know when your young person is going to be in school so that you can make your own plans.

## Resources return

### Week beginning 22 June

The following slots have been set aside for seniors to return books, chromebooks, locker keys and trophies awarded at last year's Prizegiving :

Tuesday 23 June 10.00 am to 11.00 am

Wednesday 24 June 10.00 am to 11.00 am

Thursday 25 June 10.00 – 11.00 am

Any person entering the front door should adhere to 2m social distancing measures and instructions about entering the building safely. Inside each book, please include a piece of paper or post it note, with your young person's name so that we know who has returned it. For chrome books, please stick a post it or tape a bit of paper to it with pupil name and please remember the charger.

Any pupil who has received paper classwork and has it to return, can also drop it off during these times – remember to include their name and the staff member it has to go to.

### **Resources to support senior pupils**

#### **Scholar**

Scholar accounts have now been updated to give full (not just guest) access to seniors for their new courses. If you are in S4 and sitting particular N5 courses you will receive your new individual username and password in an email via your glow account in the next few days. Use this to log on via <https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/sso/login?service=https%3A%2F%2Fscholar.hw.ac.uk%2Fvle%2Fscholar%2Fsession.controller%3Faction%3Dhome>

Alternatively you can add the scholar tile to your glow launchpad. If you then click on the tile it will automatically log you into your account each time with no need to enter your username or password. S5 and S6 pupils should use their existing log ins.



#### **..... and finally**

- **Welcome to our new S1 pupils:**  
Our new S1 pupils will be taking part in their ' virtual 4 day visit ' next week. We are all looking forward to welcoming them to Turriff Academy.
- **The Big Reveal :**  
As the last day of term approaches, we are normally looking forward to the House Championship and all that it brings. We will be doing this slightly differently this year..... so watch this space.  
We should have had our Awards Ceremonies over the last week or so, we will be recognising your achievement in the last week of term too.

Take care all, stay safe and enjoy your weekend.