



6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

As you will be aware the Minister for Education made the decision on Monday evening to delay the re-opening of schools until the 18<sup>th</sup> January. I write to provide you with an update on the schools' operations between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> January.

School will be open to a small number of learners only as we offer a facility for the children of key workers and by invitation only, a provision for other groups of learners.

All learners will be expected to log on to their Teams account at 8.45am prompt for registration as usual. As in previous 'remote learning' periods, pupils should follow their timetabled lessons. Staff will be online during all lessons in order to either deliver 'live' lessons or offer support with learning tasks. Pre-recorded lessons, engagement check in's, structured tasks or independent learning will all be available to compliment live delivery. Staff have been working hard to modify and adapt their previously planned resources for remote purposes.

We will be monitoring attendance at these lessons and taking registers in the normal way so please encourage your child to engage with their learning during this time.

Parents of children who are entitled to free school meals will receive direct payments through the local authority.

We appreciate how challenging this period will be for you and your child. Please be assured that we will do everything we can to support you remotely over the phone or by email.

Although this period of closure is set to end on January 18<sup>th</sup>, we are aware that schools in the other three home nations are due to close for longer. We will therefore keep you informed of any further developments.

For the parents of learners in Year 11, 12 and 13 we have been informed of the WJEC's intentions with regards to the GCSE, AS and A level awarding process and we





will begin enacting these requirements. Mrs Crombie, Deputy Head, will shortly update you on the new qualification assessment process.

I hope to be in touch again soon with details regarding return to school. In the meantime, please do contact the school if we can offer any further support.

Wishing you well.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs S Sutton  
HEADTEACHER**

