



# EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **TERM 4 – Arrangements**

I previously wrote to you regarding arrangements for Term 4 as we continue in an extended period of lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Remote learning is a challenge for all and I thank you for your encouragement to ensure that your child(ren) are accessing the suggested activities planned for and provided by our teachers.

We all face difficulties at this time and it is greatly appreciated that you are supporting your child(ren) to remain connected with learning. As I said previously, learning occurs in so many ways and so around 2 hours per day for a child keeps them in a routine and undertaking work to consolidate learning to date whilst preparing to move on.

As the SQA diet of exams has been cancelled, we have worked closely with the Secondary Head Teachers to plan ahead for a new timetable so that senior phase learners can embark on their chosen options for session 2020-21. As a result, the new timetable will begin in the first instance for the current S3-S5 on Monday 4 May. Details relevant to your child will be provided by the school. To allow staff to prepare for this, the in-service day of 15 May will be moved to 1 May and so school staff will not be available for queries on that day.

With national advice and guidance changing daily, we will continue to work collaboratively with Head Teachers and senior leaders in order to best support our young people at this unprecedented time.

I thank you for all your continued support and would urge those whose children are not engaging with remote learning, to see the benefits in the longer term. If you have any concerns or queries or barriers to support learning, please do not hesitate to contact your child(ren)'s school.

As ever, stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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