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Dear Parent/Guardian

As we approach Easter and a phased return to school, I want to explain the arrangements that we plan to put in place across the College.

Year 12

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our Year 12 students back to school on Monday 22 March. Our plan, previously shared with the Year 12s, is that they will follow a revised timetable in Week 1 of their return which allows them to benefit from blocs of time with each of their subject teachers. In Holy Week, on Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 March, the timetable will be suspended as all students will be asked to sit assessments that should have been done as mock examinations pre-Christmas. They will then return to timetabled class on Wednesday 31 March. Year 12 will start their Easter Holidays on Thursday 1 April. 100% attendance will be expected and required from Monday 22 March until then.

Years 8-11

All students in Years 8-11 will continue to engage in Remote Learning through Google Classroom, until Friday 26 March. No new work will be posted during Holy Week. We plan to use this as a Consolidation Week so that students can catch up on any lost learning in advance of a potential return to school for all after Easter. We are delighted that the Minister of Education has suggested that the whole school, that is all students from Years 8-12, will be able to return on Monday 12 April, if there is no deterioration in the health situation.

Supervised Learning

We will continue to offer supervised learning as normal for children of Key Workers, until Friday 26 March. From Monday 29 March to Wednesday 31 March we will provide supervision in circumstances where parents are unable to make alternative childcare arrangements. Until then, if you require your child to be supervised in school, you must book them in for each day that you need them to be with us. This can be done by emailing Mrs Coulter at, ocoulter691@c2kni.net by the Thursday of the week before your child needs to be in school. Please note due to staffing pressures, only students who have been registered for supervised learning or supervision can be accommodated. School buses will be available from next Monday. The Canteen will be open for Year 12 but not for other year groups so students being supervised should continue to bring their break and packed lunch.

Easter Holidays

Thursday 1 April will be a Staff Development Day. This is a change to the original date on the School Calendar which was Monday 12 April. No students will be onsite on Thursday 1 April. School will be closed for all students and staff from Friday 2 April to Friday 9 April, inclusive. At this point it is hoped that all year groups will return to school on Monday 12 April.

I hope these arrangements are clear but if not, and you have a question, please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Catriona Mc Ateer (Principal)