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To: Parent/Guardian of pupils in **ALL YEAR GROUPS 2020/2021**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

You will be aware that the Education Minister, Mr. Peter Weir, MLA, has indicated that guidance to schools is to be revised so that all young people can return to school full-time from the commencement of the new academic year. As the Minister has stated “this is not a return to business as usual” and there will be much change to routines in order to facilitate the introduction of “protective class bubbles” in **Years 8 – 10** and to minimise movement of pupils in **Years 11 – 14**.

Our plans are well-advanced and will be finalised following due consideration of Department of Education guidance which is expected to be published on Thursday, 13th August. In any event, the measures which we put in place must provide reassurance to pupils, parents and staff that it is safe to return and also to mitigate, as far as possible, against future potential full school closure. More detailed information will be provided later this month but I would wish to confirm the start of term date for all pupils in each year group as shown below.

- Year 8** Induction sessions (with parents and pupils) will take place on **Wednesday, 26th August**. All pupils will commence term on **Friday, 28th August (8.55 a.m. – 12.25 p.m.)**
- Year 9** All pupils will commence term on **Wednesday, 2nd September**.
- Year 10** All pupils will commence term on **Tuesday, 1st September**.
- Year 11** All pupils will commence term on **Thursday, 3rd September**.
- Year 12** All pupils will commence term on **Tuesday, 25th August**.
- Year 13** All pupils will commence term on **Friday, 28th August**.
- Year 14** All pupils will commence term on **Monday, 24th August**.

Best wishes to you and your family.

Yours faithfully,

S.W. Black (Principal)



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