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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families are well following the return to School.

As you will be aware from media coverage, levels of community transmission are very high due to the prevalence of the Omicron variant. I wish to assure you that we are working hard to ensure sustained and regular learning provision for all our students.

The Department of Education has asked schools to have contingency plans in place for the delivery of remote learning in the event of a school closure, staffing shortages or if a class or any larger group of pupils across a year group need to self-isolate. In such circumstances, schools may be required to move to remote learning at short notice.

When considering moving to remote learning provision for a significant number of classes or year groups, post-primary schools have been encouraged to prioritise continued face-to-face learning for Years 11 to 14 and in particular for pupils in Years 12 and Year 14, who are completing qualifications in 2021/22.

Contingency Plan for Delivery of Remote Learning

As such, the following Contingency Plan for the delivery of Remote Learning will be implemented:

All contingency plans will be reviewed on a daily basis.

Stage 1: Provision of a partial timetable, with supervised learning in subject areas where it has not been possible to source substitute teaching cover. This may of course not always be possible due to wider staffing shortages. In such circumstances, provision will escalate to the next contingency stage.

Stage 2: Years 11-14 in school with rotation of Year Group(s) 8-10 engaged in remote learning (Google Classroom).

Stage 3: Rotation of all Year Group(s) 8-14 for remote learning.

Stage 4: All pupils moving to remote learning.

**** Learning Provision for vulnerable and statemented pupils will always be prioritised and made available unless there are extenuating circumstances.**

As pupils return into term 2, we have and will continue to revisit health and safety procedures and protocols to keep our school community safe. I continue to ask for your support in reinforcing these key messages with your child(ren). Please continue to inform the school if your child is ill or absent due to Covid-19 by phoning the school so that we can provide appropriate support.

We remain very grateful for the continued support of our parents and carers as we continue to work hard to ensure the best possible educational provision for your child during this pandemic.

Yours faithfully

Dominic Clarke
Principal