**Head teacher weekly update**

**Friday 4th June 2021**

Dear Parent / Carer,

**Here is the news for week 1-4th June 2021:**

1. **Covid Update**

You may be aware that positive cases in Renfrewshire are increasing, and sadly there have been cases in the community in Johnstone that have had an impact on the school. As ever, we work closely with public health to ensure we follow all advice around contact tracing.

It is vitally important that pupils follow our covid mitigations and make safe choices in and out of the school community. For example, we continue to remind them about the importance of face coverings and hand sanitisation.

1. **Forthcoming in-service days and holiday dates**

For your diary, please note that pupils should not attend school on the following date:

Monday 7th June - final additional in-service day

School closes for the summer break at 1pm on Friday 25th June 2021.

1. **Timetable news**

Having successfully completed options under difficult circumstances this year, I am delighted to let parents know that we are able to move into the 2021/22 timetable on Monday 14th June. This will give pupils two weeks following their new courses and ‘bump up’ into the year above. My thanks to Mr Menzies, the pastoral team and all the curricular PTs who have worked hard getting the timetable ready under very challenging conditions.

1. **SQA Update**

We are now at the end of assessment period four. The in-service on Monday is to allow staff time to mark, and cross mark with colleagues across the authority. We then will be working through a rigorous process of checking at dept, school and authority levels to ensure our grades are fair and robust. Pupils will receive their provisional grades during the last week of term and we are currently working out the best way to issue these. You may also have seen information in the media about the appeals process this year; it was announced by the education minister on Wednesday. More information will come out to parents in due course.

1. **Parent council AGM**

The parent council is having its final meeting of the year on Tuesday 8th June at 6.30pm. Anyone wishing to join this virtual meeting who is not already a member of the PC should call our school office on 0300 300 1331 for the zoom code.

1. **Staffing news**

I am delighted to inform you that our new PT Modern Languages, Ms Price, joins us from Linwood High School on Monday 7th June. Ms Price is a very experienced colleague and the ‘lead practitioner’ for ML within our authority. We are delighted that she is joining our team and wish her the best of luck.

With best wishes to you and your family,



Lynne Hollywood

Head Teacher