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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Change of Timetable

On Tuesday 2 June, Ellon Academy will change to a new timetable for school session 2020 to 2021, with all pupils beginning new courses.

Changing timetable in a virtual setting is a new experience for us all. Instead of being in school and receiving a printed timetable with rooms and times, pupils will be moved into new “virtual” classes on either Google Classroom or Microsoft Teams.

New online classes will be set up by teachers, which will be clearly marked as new for 2020 to 2021, and pupils will be added into these new classes, where they can access appropriate subject tasks from Tuesday 2 June.

Please note that learning will continue to be a blend of subject reading, tasks set and supported by teachers and preparatory work. This is especially the case for practical subjects, where only part of the week would ordinarily be spent covering theory. Teachers will attempt to set some tasks which take learners away from screens, where possible. Inevitably, some SQA courses will be front-loaded with theory. We will cover as much practical work as possible when we return to school.

As always in the current situation, please remember that your young person can only be expected to do what is manageable for them, and in the wider context of your family circumstances. We are mindful of the many issues that can make home-learning a real challenge for families, like limited access to technology, for example, or pressure on quiet spaces to work. If you have any questions or concerns, please continue to contact your young person’s Principal Teacher of Guidance.

Thank you for your support over this time.

Yours sincerely

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