

LB/HM

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Dear Learner,

The First Minister has now confirmed that some children and young people will return to learn in school buildings from 22 February. This includes children from nursery to primary 3 and a small number of S4-S6 young people who need to undertake practical tasks. For the time being, all other learners will continue to learn remotely as you currently do.

If you are one of the learners returning to school, your teachers are looking forward to seeing you. There may be some changes within your school to help minimise the spread of COVID-19 and to keep you safe. Your school will share this information with you and your family directly and we need you to help us to keep our schools safe.

If you are in primary school:

- Remember to keep washing your hands or using hand sanitiser
- Stay in your class 'bubble' when you are in your classroom and playground
- Come to school with warm clothing for indoors and outdoors – windows may need to be kept open although your teacher will balance this with how cold it is outside
- Wear a face covering if you travel to school on one of our buses
- Speak to your family or your teacher if you are worried about anything.

If you are in S4 to S6:

- Remember to keep washing your hands or using hand sanitiser
- Keep 2m physical distancing at all times between yourself and other learners and our staff. This includes in social areas of the school and corridors.
- Wear a face covering whilst inside the school building including in corridors (unless you have a medical exemption)
- Wear a face covering if you travel to school on one of our buses – this needs to be worn at all times throughout the journey
- Only attend the school building if you are invited to do so for practical tasks or if you have a place in the in-school 'hub' provision.

- For learners attending school buildings: you will have the option to take part in testing for COVID-19. Your school will provide more information on the arrangements for the testing which is only for people with no symptoms.

We know that many of you will be disappointed that you can't go back to your school building yet. Please remember that your teachers are still available to support you with your learning and we are all looking forward to a time very soon when everyone can return to school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lesley R. Brown".

**Lesley Brown**  
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