

BRAES HIGH SCHOOL

Senior Phase in-school Practical Work – Arrangements for pupils and parents/carers

Background and Key Principles

As previously communicated, on 2nd February 2021, the [First Minister announced](#) plans for the return of small groups of senior phase pupils to school during the week beginning 22nd February 2021. This limited return of learners is for the purpose of completing the learning and teaching of critical practical work in relation to qualifications in 2021 that can only be carried out in school. This arrangement is expected to be in place from 22 February until the First Minister announces further decisions on the wider return of learners to secondary schools.

Our approach will be designed to keep our school community as safe as possible. The procedures that have been in place to keep pupils and staff as safe as possible will continue to be in place. In addition, arrangements will be in place to promote 2 metres physical distancing between senior phase pupils.

Learning and Teaching

Senior Phase pupils will only be invited into the school to complete practical learning that cannot be undertaken outwith the school. The priority for our senior phase learners will be learning and teaching, to ensure that they have a secure foundation and course coverage prior to formal assessment taking place in the later stages of the session. We will review our planned in-school provision regularly to ensure young people are only learning in school when it is absolutely necessary.

Arrangements

- Senior phase pupils should not attend these practical learning sessions if they, or any person in their household, has symptoms related to COVID-19, or has been required to isolate following a positive COVID-19 test.
- Senior phase pupils should check the timetable of in-school practical learning sessions noted below. This outlines the subjects involved in these in-school sessions, and the days on which young people studying these courses are invited into school to complete the necessary practical learning.
- Our current remote learning offer remains unchanged, with all other pupils continuing to follow their normal remote learning timetable. Faculties will have arrangements in place to support the continued learning progress of other pupils whose teacher is delivering practical learning sessions in school at times when they would normally be timetabled for other classes.
- On the days when senior phase pupils are not invited into school to complete practical learning, they should continue to follow their normal timetable via remote learning. They should also keep in touch with the teachers of classes they have missed when in school to complete practical learning, to check on what learning tasks should be carried out for these classes.
- We have scheduled in-school practical learning sessions to coincide as far as possible with when periods of these subjects would be timetabled to minimise disruption to each pupil's learning in other subjects. Only having pupils in school when absolutely necessary and stopping in-school attendance at practical learning sessions when the necessary activity is complete, will help to further reduce disruption to attendance at other subjects.
- Pupils should wear school uniform on their scheduled days in school.
- On the scheduled day(s), senior phase pupils should enter the school via the doors next to the English department. Staff will be on hand to meet pupils. Throughout the day, senior

phase pupils will require to follow our safety procedures in terms of hygiene, hand sanitising, 2 metre physical distancing and face coverings.

- The timings of the pupil day for senior phase practical learning session are noted below. By having full day, in depth sessions for pupils, we can maximise the efficiency of the time pupils spend in school and promote real immersion in the subject for pupils. It is possible that if individual pupils complete the required practical learning before the end of the day, they will be able to leave school at that point.
- As pupils will require to respect 2 metres physical distancing with staff and fellow pupils, this means less pupils can be in a classroom. Class groups may therefore require to be split between different classrooms. Their usual class teacher will direct and oversee the learning taking place, and other staff will be on hand to support and supervise pupils.
- Senior phase pupils will use the toilets on the first floor, next to the library.
- At morning interval and lunchtime, senior phase pupils will be able to access the Hub to buy refreshments in the usual manner, although the range available may be more limited than normal. Pupils can also bring a packed lunch. Any young person entitled to a free school meal will be able to receive this. We strongly insist that young people stay on site during break times and that they do not go to local shops at these times. 2 metre physical distancing should be respected by pupils at all times during breaks and lunchtimes.
- The days are structured to promote distancing between senior phase pupils in school for practical work and those young people in school as part of our provision for the children of Key Workers. Pupils should ensure there is no contact between these two groups when in school.
- At the end of the day, senior phase pupils will exit via the doors next to the English department.
- School transport continues to operate to and from school as normally scheduled. If using school buses, pupils should wear face coverings while on transport and use the reduced numbers on the buses to sit 2 metres away from other pupils.

Timings of day

Arrival at school around 8.50am for a 9am start.

9.00am – 10.20am – Practical Learning

10.20am – 10.35am – Morning Interval

10.40am – 11.45am – Practical Learning

11.45am – 12.20pm – Lunch

12.20pm – 2.50pm (3.40pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays) – Practical Learning

Timetable

We will refresh this every week and communicate with pupils accordingly. Please see below.

Senior Phase Practical Assessment – week beginning 22 February 2020

S5/6 Timetable									
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
COURSE	ROOM	COURSE	ROOM	COURSE	ROOM	COURSE	ROOM	COURSE	ROOM
Practical Electronics	205/206	Higher Graphics Higher Music Tech	115 114/109	N5 Hospitality Higher Media	105/106	Higher Computing AH/H Music	319/320/321 121/122/103	H/N5 Art Higher Admin H Drama H D&M	304/307 308/309 Studio 116
S4 Timetable									
N5 Design & Man N5 Drama N5 Music Tech	116 Studio 114/109	N5 Graphics N5 Music	115/116 121/122	N5 Art N5 Hospitality N5 Music N5 Computing	304/306 105/106 1121/122 319/320	N5 Admin N5 Computing	308/309 321	N/A	