

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of session 2020/21, parents/carers will be keen to know arrangements for how pupils will return to school in August. The Scottish Government have published advice to schools indicating that at present, there should be no change to COVID-19 mitigations currently operating in schools. It is anticipated there will be further guidance for schools from August onwards. When this guidance comes, and it is deemed appropriate to do so, we will make adjustments as to how our school day operates. IN the meantime however, we will plan on the basis that arrangements for how the school operates in August will be broadly similar to those in place just now.

A detailed guidance document has been sent to you. However, to summarise arrangements, some of the main points young people should be aware of when returning to school on 18th August 2021 are noted below :

- Wear school uniform
- Bring a face covering
- Come prepared for learning with any books, equipment, jotters, pens etc you may need
- You will be doing outdoors PE for now
- You will get to do practical activity in your practical subjects
- Try to distance from other pupils as much as you can
- Maintain 2 metre physical distancing from all adults
- S1-3 pupils will have different lunches and interval from S4-6 pupils
- Sanitise or wash your hands at every opportunity
- Think seriously about participating in the LFD COVID-19 testing
- On the first day back, go to your year group's outside area (S1/2 – back of school, S3/4 side of school. S5/6 front of school)
- If go to a shop or takeaway at lunchtime, you need to follow their rules
- Use the toilet allocated to your House group
- Follow the one way system and signage

We will monitor Scottish Government guidance as it emerges. As and when some of these safety measures can change, we will work towards making the school day a little more “normal”, always keeping everyone’s safety as the most important thing.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact you young person’s Pastoral Head.

Yours faithfully,

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