



13 August 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your family have had a lovely summer. We certainly have had some really sunny weather and that combined with the easing of restrictions has hopefully meant that you have all had the chance to relax and re-charge your batteries.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say how proud we have been of our young people and their SQA results. It was a hugely challenging year for them but despite this they have done so well. Whether they have left school or not we continue to be here to support them with choices for the future and more information regarding this will follow soon.

This communication covers the arrangements for our return next week including Covid-19 mitigations.

Arrangements for the start of term

All students return to school on Wednesday 18 August 2021. They should return as follows:

- S1 8.25am through the playground
- S2 and S3 11.00am through the playground
- S4 – 6 11.00am through the front entrance

Staff will be there to welcome, reassure and direct students as appropriate.

Please note that the staggered start times are in place for **Wednesday 18 August only** to support our new S1 students.

Please also note that all students should be at the door **before 8.25am** ready to start classes at 8.30am promptly from **Thursday 19 August**. S1-3 students will continue to enter through the playground with S4-6 through the front entrance.

Staggered Finish Times

	Monday	Tuesday - Thursday	Friday
S1	3.05pm	3.15pm	12.10pm
S2	3.10pm	3.20pm	12.15pm
S3	3.15pm	3.25pm	12.20pm
S4-6	3.20pm	3.30pm	12.25pm

Coronavirus Mitigations

The Scottish Government Guidance regarding the re-opening of schools has stated that the majority of mitigations which were in place should be kept for the first 6 weeks, pending a review. For your child/ren this means the following:

- All students and staff must wear a **face covering** at all times in the building unless they are exempt
- We must all follow **FACTS** at all times, sanitising and washing our hands regularly.
- **Lateral Flow tests** should be carried out before returning to school next week where possible to ensure that we are all Covid free. Tests can be accessed from the school office or can be ordered online here: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>
- We are encouraging all staff and students to **test twice a week** following this to ensure that we continue to be safe.
- Breaks and lunches will continue to take place outside so please encourage your child to bring appropriate outdoor clothing.
- Ventilation continues to be a priority and windows will be open so again a warm jumper or coat will be required when we move towards autumn.

Uniform

All students must be in uniform on our return. Our changing rooms will once more be used so students will not come dressed in PE kit but will bring it to change into. It will be wonderful to see us revert to the high standards and expectations regarding uniform which were in place prior to the pandemic. If you are unsure at all about what is expected please see our website.

I am so looking forward to seeing our students again next week and I will be in touch again soon with further updates.

Until then, do take care, stay connected, and most importantly, stay safe.



Hazel Kinnear
Head Teacher