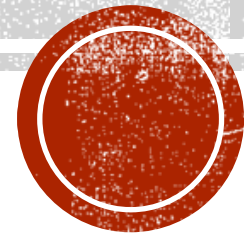


GRANGE ACADEMY BULLETIN

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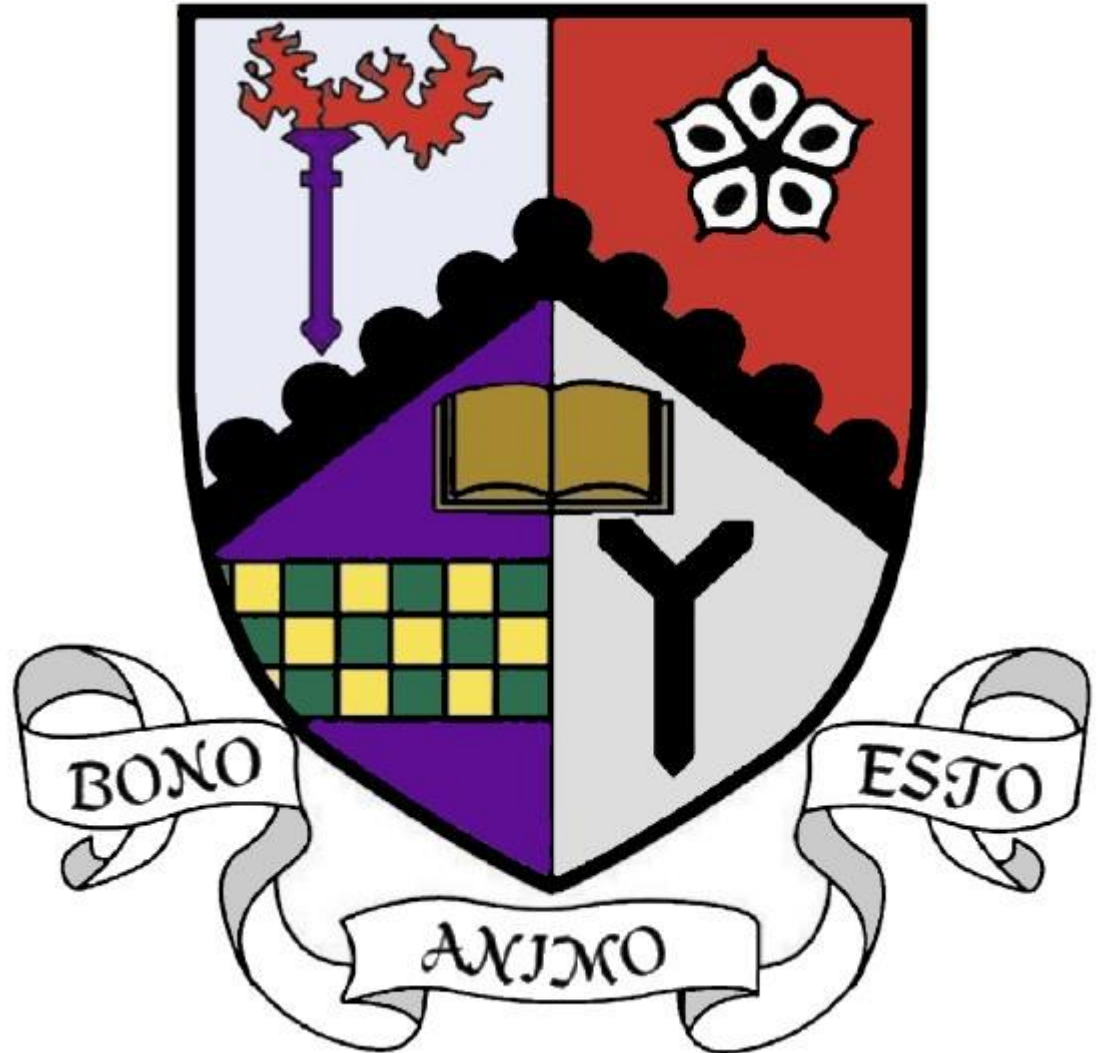


THANK YOU

Well done and thank you to everyone who cooperated so responsibly with our new health and safety routines last week.

It was a lot of change to get used to in one go and you did magnificently.

Stay committed and keep it going. Co-operating with the rules is how we keep the school open. Your teachers are proud of you.



S1-3: YOU HAVE A NEW LUNCHTIME!

STRUCTURE OF THE SCHOOL DAY S1 – S3 PUPILS

MONDAY to THURSDAY	
Period 1	8:45 – 9:35
Period 2	9:35 – 10:25
Period 3a	10:25 – 11:00
INTERVAL	
Period 3b*	11:15 – 11:30
Period 4	11:30 – 12:20
LUNCH (12:20 – 13:10) <small>Pre-ordered food will be available from 12:40pm</small>	
Period 5	13:10 – 13:55
Period 6	13:55 – 14:45
Period 7	14:45 – 15:25

FRIDAY	
Period 1	8:45 – 9:35
Period 2	9:35 – 10:25
Period 3a	10:25 – 11:00
INTERVAL	
Period 3b*	11:15 – 11:30
Period 4	11:30 – 12:20
Period 5	12:20 – 13:05
LUNCH	

*Pupils return to Period 3 class after interval for 15 minutes before moving to Period 4 class

As you know, we're doing everything we can to ensure that we have enough space to be comfortable and hygienic.

This tweak to the new routines we put in place last week will mean only half the school will be having lunch at any one time.

A seat for everyone; no queues; no crowding!



S4-6: NO MORE BASE ROOMS

Now that we have separated lower and upper school lunches, we no longer need base rooms.

S4-6 are asked to stay out of classrooms at lunchtimes. Those rooms will be unavailable because S1-3 lessons will still be taking place in them. Your social areas are outside, The Street, and the Assembly Hall.



SPACING AT LUNCHTIME

QUESTION

Some senior pupils have been asking – quite sensibly – why SLT are insisting that Assembly Hall furniture is not moved at lunchtime and interval. Their point has been that they would like to join desks and chairs together into large groups rather than sticking to the spaced-out groups of six that the SLT has set up, and they feel it's ok to do that because it's not compulsory for pupils to be socially-distanced.

ANSWER

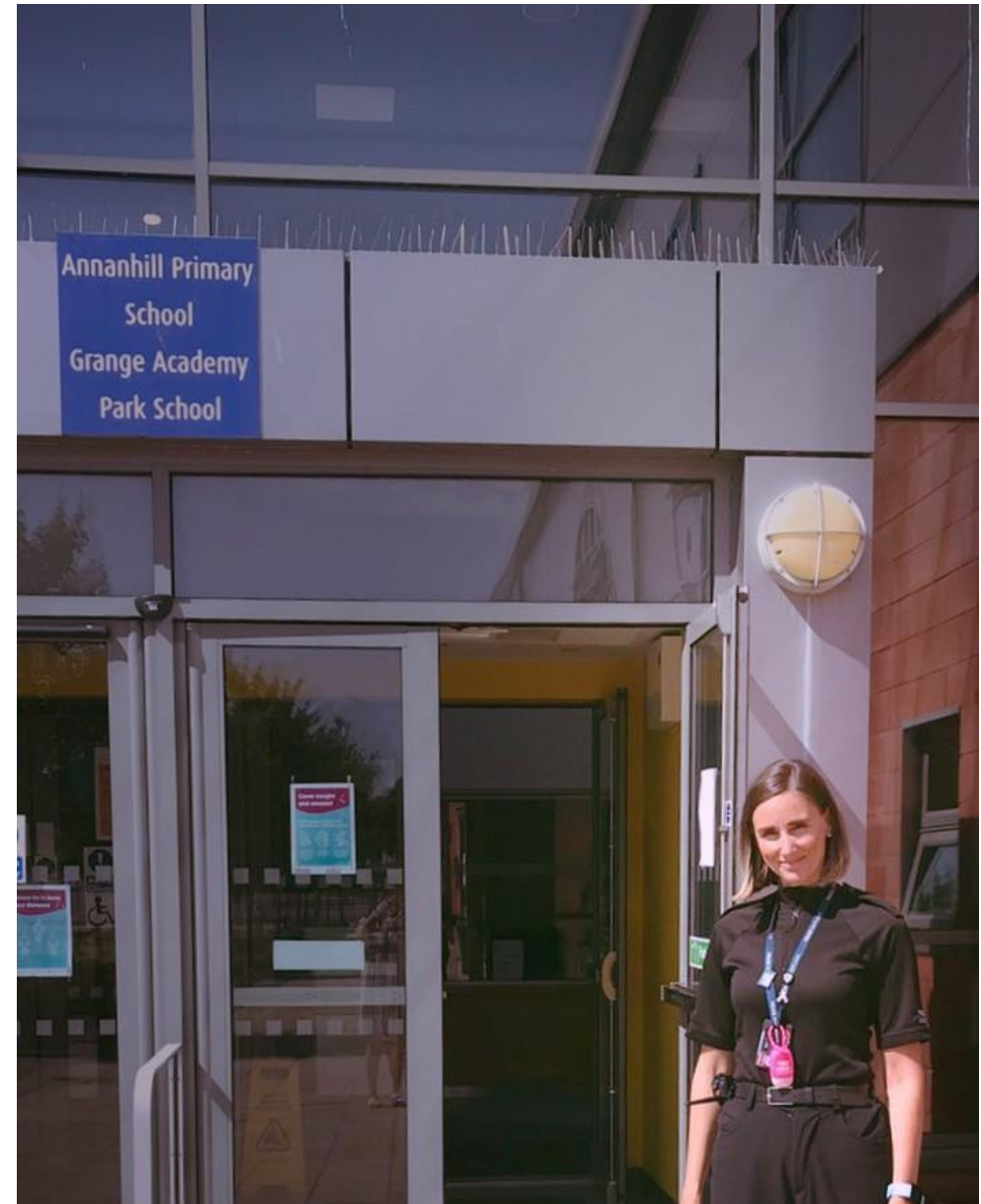
The reason we are insisting on it is because it's not one single safety change that will prevent a second school closure – it's the blend of lots of individual changes of routine, and this is one of them. Ask yourself why you still need to wear a face-covering and be socially-distanced in all other indoor public places. Ask yourself why the Scottish Government advised special care with older secondary pupils and staff. Covid hasn't disappeared. It's crucial to follow the instructions of staff because Kilmarnock does not want another lockdown. Our new routines aren't about teachers trying to control YOU; they're about trying to control the spread of the virus. There's been a careful risk assessment behind every decision so please trust our instructions. Thanks for understanding.



P.C. MCPIKE

This is our Campus Police Office, P.C. Dawn McPike.

Some of you may have met her before lockdown, but for those of you who haven't yet, she'll be very visible around campus. Go up to her and introduce yourself! She's happy to support you in any way she can.



LITTER

The improvement in pupil littering on campus last week was absolutely phenomenal! Believe it or not, some of your teachers were even a wee bit emotional with relief and pride that you were being so understanding about the importance of interval and lunchtime hygiene. Thank you for co-operating with last week's message – brilliant! We simply must not return to the dreadful levels of littering that was the habit of so many Grange pupils before Covid.

Sadly, local residents have phoned in to complain about littering in the surrounding streets. Folks, it's great that you're being clean when you're in the school building and the SLT are patrolling. However, the mark of good character is when you choose to do the right thing *when no-one is watching*. Remember how scary Covid still is to the general public. For them, the idea of Grange pupils returning to the streets in big numbers and being unclean is frightening. Do the right thing. Kilmarnock doesn't want another lockdown and no-one wants to go back to 100% online learning!



FACE COVERINGS IN THE COMMUNITY

If you have forgotten your mask, there's no point in going to Morrisons, Kate's Kitchen, the Bonnyton Café or into town at lunchtime. Please eat in school instead. Local businesses have asked us to remind you that you can't come in if you aren't wearing a mask.



HALF PRICE SCHOOL MEALS!



For the rest of August, school meals are half price!



S.F.A. PERFORMANCE SCHOOL



We wish a warm welcome to our newest S.F.A. Performance School players, pictured here on the pitch.



S6 LEADERS

Thank you to the team of S6 pupils who have supported our new S1s in their first few days at secondary school. We saw many examples of maturity, compassion and problem-solving.

Excellent work! Thank you for your service to the school.



HAVE A GREAT WEEK, GRANGE!

- Keep yourself and you surroundings clean.
- Work hard.
- Be kind.

