



Stewarton Academy

August 2020 Model for Pupil Return

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers

The following document outlines our plan to ensure staff and pupils return to school in a manner that is safe, adheres to national social distancing guidelines, maximises the amount of face-to-face teaching time possible for pupils and is supplemented by learning at home.

The School Day

From August, the school week will be split into ten extended teaching blocks. There will be two blocks per day, each lasting 2hrs 15mins with a 15-minute break between blocks. The school day will begin as normal at 08:45 and pupils will be finish and be dismissed to school transport at 13:30 (school transport will depart school at 13:45).

Pupil Groupings

All pupils will be split into two groups from August based on house groups, irrespective of stage. **Group 1** and **Group 2** will be comprised as follows:

Group 1	Cunningham and Stewart House pupils
Group 2	Boyd and Montgomery House pupils

School Attendance Pattern

- **Group 1** and **Group 2** will attend school for face-to-face teaching on alternate days on a two-week rotation.
- **Group 1** will attend school on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday of week one of the rotation, and attend on a Tuesday and Thursday on the second week of the rotation.
- For **Group 2**, this pattern will work in reverse and they will attend on a Tuesday and Thursday of the first week of the rotation and on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday of the second week of the rotation.
- This pattern will repeat for as long as is required in line with national guidance around physical distancing and health and safety.

This model, which will be phased in during the month of August (details below), will be fully operational by the 31st of August, and will provide pupils approximately 50% of their normal face-to-face teaching time, across their academic subjects, over the two-week rotation. Face-to-face teaching will be supplemented by learning at home. Further details around online lessons, home learning resources and Health & Safety procedures will follow as we approach the start of term.

Phased Implementation: August 12th – August 28th

In line with East Ayrshire Council's guidance on phasing the implementation of our return model, for the two and a half weeks from August 12th – August 28th, neither Group 1 nor Group 2 will attend school for face-to-face teaching on a Friday. This means that both groups will attend for one day each on the first half week of return, and for two days each the following two weeks.

The three Fridays during this period will be used for:

- Cleaning of the building and resources
- Testing and embedding blended learning approaches, including live (or recorded) streaming
- Evaluating the processes implemented as part of our health and safety risk assessments
- Inviting in small numbers of pupils (as required) with additional support needs, and a member of their family, to build confidence for return and review support arrangements

During the phased implementation, pupils will attend school for face-to-face teaching on the following pattern from August 12th to August 29th:

Week 1	Timings	Monday 10 th Aug	Tuesday 11 th Aug	Wednesday 12 th Aug	Thursday 13 th Aug	Friday 14 th Aug
Pupils arrive at school	Make your way straight to class	Holiday	In-service day	Group 1 Cunningham and Stewart	Group 2 Boyd and Montgomery	No Pupils
Learning Block 1	0845 – 1100					
Break	1100 – 1115					
Learning Block 2	1115 – 1330					
School transport departs	1345					

Week 2	Timings	Monday 17 th Aug	Tuesday 18 th Aug	Wednesday 19 th Aug	Thursday 20 th Aug	Friday 21 st Aug
Pupils arrive at school	Make your way straight to class	Group 2 Boyd and Montgomery	Group 1 Cunningham and Stewart	Group 2 Boyd and Montgomery	Group 1 Cunningham and Stewart	No Pupils
Learning Block 1	0845 – 1100					
Break	1100 – 1115					
Learning Block 2	1115 – 1330					
School transport departs	1345					

Week 3	Timings	Monday 24 th Aug	Tuesday 25 th Aug	Wednesday 26 th Aug	Thursday 27 th Aug	Friday 28 th Aug
Pupils arrive at school	Make your way straight to class	Group 1 Cunningham and Stewart	Group 2 Boyd and Montgomery	Group 1 Cunningham and Stewart	Group 2 Boyd and Montgomery	No Pupils
Learning Block 1	0845 – 1100					
Break	1100 – 1115					
Learning Block 2	1115 – 1330					
School transport departs	1345					

Full Implementation – Week beginning 31st August

Monday, 31st August, will mark the beginning of week one of our full model being operational, meaning pupils will attend school for face-to-face teaching on the following two-week rotation:

Week 1	Timings	Monday 31 st Aug	Tuesday 1 st Sep	Wednesday 2 nd Sep	Thursday 3 rd Sep	Friday 4 th Sep
Pupils arrive at school	Make your way straight to class	Group 2 Boyd and Montgomery	Group 1 Cunningham and Stewart	Group 2 Boyd and Montgomery	Group 1 Cunningham and Stewart	Group 2 Boyd and Montgomery
Learning Block 1	0845 – 1100					
Break	1100 – 1115					
Learning Block 2	1115 – 1330					
School transport departs	1345					

Week 2	Timings	Monday 7 th Sep	Tuesday 8 th Sep	Wednesday 9 th Sep	Thursday 10 th Sep	Friday 11 th Sep
Pupils arrive at school	Make your way straight to class	Group 1 Cunningham and Stewart	Group 2 Boyd and Montgomery	Group 1 Cunningham and Stewart	Group 2 Boyd and Montgomery	Group 1 Cunningham and Stewart
Learning Block 1	0845 – 1100					
Break	1100 – 1115					
Learning Block 2	1115 – 1330					
School transport departs	1345					

*This two-week rotation will continue until national guidelines allow the maximum capacity of the school to be increased.

Planned pupil in-school attendance		
Week beginning	Cunningham and Stewart pupils	Boyd and Montgomery pupils
10 th August	Wednesday	Thursday
17 th August	Tuesday / Thursday	Monday / Wednesday
24 th August	Monday / Wednesday	Tuesday / Thursday
31 st August	Tuesday / Thursday	Monday / Wednesday / Friday
7 th September	Monday / Wednesday / Friday	Tuesday / Thursday
14 th September	Tuesday / Thursday	Monday / Wednesday / Friday
21 st September	Monday / Wednesday / Friday	Tuesday / Thursday
28 th September	Tuesday / Thursday	Monday / Wednesday / Friday
5 th October	Monday / Wednesday / Friday	Tuesday / Thursday

Additional Information - Year Groups Focus

S1/2 pupils will focus on key curricular areas, prioritising literacy and numeracy. In addition to this they will attend learning blocks in all curricular areas across the two-week rotation.

S3 pupils will focus on key curricular areas, prioritising literacy and numeracy. In addition to this every effort will be made to align pupils learning blocks with their chosen S3 subject options.

S4 pupils will prioritise their selected SQA qualifications. They will attend a learning block for each of their 7 chosen subject areas, an additional block in English and Mathematics, and one block for wellbeing /PSE.

S5/6 pupils will prioritise SQA qualifications. Pupils will attend 2 learning blocks of each of their 5 subject choices across the two-week rotation. PSE will initially be delivered through blended learning (including UCAS / post school destinations and mental wellbeing support).

Next Steps

Further information for pupils and parents will follow towards the beginning of the new academic year about our plans for supporting learning at home, health and safety guidance and what to expect when you arrive on the first day in August.

Please ensure that you have downloaded our school app, bookmarked our school website and followed us on Twitter to stay fully informed about our planning for return in August and the general life of the school.

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