

Phased return of senior pupils- Information for pupils and parents / carers

Dear Parent/Carer

Further to yesterday's information on our phased return to school, our senior pupils will be notified via their class Teams page which day(s) they should attend school for practical lessons. Pupils should only report to school on the days directly instructed to by their class teacher or guidance teacher.

Please note that it is absolutely vital that pupils attend on these days in order to complete their coursework and achieve qualifications

If your child is unable to attend you should notify the school office using the usual procedures for reporting an absence.

Transport and School Meals

- School transport will continue to be provided for those eligible. Pupils should maintain a two metre distance from others before and during their journey.
- The school meal pre-order portal will be open for pupils attending school.

School Expectations for pupils attending

- School uniform will not be required. Pupils should come dressed appropriately for their lessons taking into account the appropriate clothing for P.E and health and safety requirements of practical subjects such as Technical and H.E.
- Pupil may leave the school grounds at lunch time, if they wish to stay in school they must remain in the dining area they have been allocated.

Implications for remote learning

- BGE live lessons and remote learning will continue as normal, there may be changes to the time of live lessons to allow teachers to facilitate practical lessons in school. Pupils should continue to check Teams for updates.
- Pupils attending school for practical lessons will not be expected to complete any additional tasks for this subject, out with their attendance in school for that subject.
- Teaching and learning expectations, while remaining high, will take into account that some pupils may be attending school multiple times in one week to carry out work for their practical subjects. In a ten day cycle the maximum number of times a pupil will be in school is four days. Pupils should plan their week accordingly to ensure they allocate enough time to their other subjects. If a pupil is unable to make a live lesson for a subject due to their attendance in school then they should alert their teacher so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Health and Safety

- East Ayrshire have updated their risk assessments for the return of senior phase pupils. Details of the voluntary testing programme have been attached to this letter and the Glow form below should be completed for those who wish to take part.
- All pupils and staff will adhere to strict two metre distancing at all times in class and during interval and lunch. Class sizes have been reduced to ensure this is possible.
- All staff members will wear a face mask and our expectations are that all pupils will also wear masks in classes and social areas.
- Pupils who have given their consent to the COVID-19 testing programme can collect their kit from the school prior to their first day back, or on the morning of their first day back.