

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

Phased Return to School 15 March

Further to our previous communications, I would now like to provide you with the following details for the phased return to school between Monday 15 March and Thursday 1 April.

The programme below outlines the stages and dates in which our young people will return to classes.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
15th March	16th March	17th March	18th March	19th March
1A1, 1A3, 1C1, 1C3 2A1, 2A2, 2C1, 2C3 3A1, 3A2, 3C1	1D1, 1D3, 1E1, 1E3 2D1, 2E1, 2H1, 2M3 3D1, 3D3, 3E1, 3E3	1H1, 1H3, 1M1, 1M3 2M1, 2D3, 2H3 3H1, 3H3, 3M1, 3M3	All S5/6 pupils	All S4 pupils
22nd March	23rd March	24th March	25th March	26th March
All S5/6 pupils	All S4 pupils	All S5/6 pupils	All S4 pupils	All S5/6 pupils
29th March	30th March	31st March	1st April	2nd April
All S4 pupils	All S5/6 pupils	All S4 pupils	All S5/6 pupils	HOLIDAY

The model is designed to ensure that safety and class time are both given the fullest consideration and appropriate priority is given to our Senior Phase pupils, who, as you are aware, are currently in the later stages of preparation for their national qualifications. The model therefore allows us to bring our young people into school whilst keeping to the required 2m physical distancing in class and 50% capacity on school transport.

Senior Phase

As illustrated above, S5 and 6 pupils will attend on six days whilst S4 will attend on five days.

Broad General Education

S1, S2 and S3 pupils will attend school on one of three days during the week beginning 15th March in PLP groups. As the model shows, the actual day will depend on which class each young person is in. If you are at all unsure of the PLP group, please contact the school office.

School Day

Our young people will return to their normal timetable for most of the day. The only exception is that there will be no PLP class and so Period 1 will be slightly longer, beginning at 8.45 am as shown on the table below. All young people should report to their period one class each day at 8:45am.

Monday to Thursday	
8.45 - 9.45	Period 1
9.45 - 10.35	Period 2
10.35 - 10.50	Interval
10.50 - 11.40	Period 3
11.40 - 12.30	Period 4
12.30 – 1.20	Period 5
1.20 – 2.00	Lunch
2.00 - 2.50	Period 6
2.50 - 3.40	Period 7
Friday	
8.45 - 9.45	Period 1
9.45 - 10.35	Period 2
10.35 - 10.50	Interval
10.50 - 11.40	Period 3
11.40 - 12.30	Period 4
12.30 – 1.10	Lunch

Transport

Our transport contractors will run as normal from the 15th March. As per Scottish Government guidelines, public transport will be set up to accommodate physical distancing on our buses and taxis. We ask that pupils wear face coverings, unless exempt.

Interval and Lunchtime

All lunches must be ordered through the school meals portal prior as normal.

Pupils will also be able to purchase a snack at interval.

To help ensure the safety of all, pupils are asked to remain outside at intervals and lunchtimes if the weather permits. In poor weather pupils will be asked to remain in classrooms 2m apart.

Pupils who have purchased school meals will be allowed to eat them inside then move outside.

Continuation of Remote Learning

As Senior Phase pupils will spend more time in school from the 15th March, live online interactions can now only take place when staff can accommodate this within their schedules. Weekly planners will still be available for parents to oversee tasks, and Teams will still be used by pupils to support their learning.

As always, we aim to continue to offer the best possible quality online learning experiences for all of our young people at every stage

Children of Key Workers and Identified Others

The current provision for children of key workers and identified others will continue as normal.

Pupils requiring additional support to return to school

Principal Teachers of Guidance will communicate with parents and carers of identified pupils requiring individual support to put an appropriate programme in place.

Our young people in the Supported Learning Centre will also require a more bespoke programme. SLC staff will therefore contact their parents and carers to share information regarding pupil return.

Health and Safety

When pupils attend school, they should adhere to 2m physical distancing at all times. The school is set up to accommodate this in classes and also at social times. We ask that you discuss this with your son/daughter in order to keep the school community safe.

We also ask that pupils in all year groups wear a face covering on their return, unless exempt. We already have a note of pupils who are exempt, however if any pupils require to be added to the list please contact the school as soon as possible.

Asymptomatic Coronavirus testing Programme

As you know, we have distributed a significant number of Lateral Flow Test kits to Senior Phase pupils who are currently attending school for practical subjects. These pupils have been testing weekly and recording results with Public Health.

This programme will now be open to all Senior Phase pupils. Pupils should please contact the school if you are able to pick the kits up in advance of the return to school.

Pupils aged 15 must have a consent form completed by a parent; pupils 16 years and over can consent to the programme themselves. Consent forms can be completed from the school office when collecting test kits.

Please adhere to 2m physical distancing when collecting kits, and note that only one person in the reception area at any one time. Please also bring your own pen to limit cross-contamination.

The kits come with a comprehensive instruction manual, however the following YouTube clip gives a very good overview of how this process works - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo>

School Uniform

As pupils will now be returning to school in a more formal and structured manner, we ask that all pupils in S4, S5 and S6 wear full school uniform if possible.

We appreciate there may be difficulties surrounding this as many pupils may have outgrown their uniform and parents may not wish to purchase additional items.

All S1-3 pupils should arrive dressed appropriately for outdoor PE lessons, even if their normal timetable does not include PE on the day they are in school. The reason is that some lessons may require to be replaced by PE on the day and we need to remove the need for pupils to change in changing rooms. PE will NOT take place outdoors in inclement weather so there is no need for a change of clothes in case of heavy rain.

After Easter

There are two further Government check-points to analyse the clinical data before pupils return fully after the Easter break; one on March 16th and one during the break. We are all very much looking forward to welcoming our young people back to school and hope the Covid data continues to show enough improvement for this to happen!

I hope you find this information informative.

Best Wishes

Peter Gilchrist

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