

Dear Parent,

As you know, a further partial return of pupils is to be allowed from Monday 15th March. This partial return will be on the basis of full 2m social distancing and strict health and safety mitigations. Although this will significantly limit the number of pupils who can be in school at any one time, I am delighted to say that it will at least enable all pupils to spend a short amount of time in school during each of the three weeks prior to Easter, whilst still giving priority to pupils in the senior phase who are undertaking SQA qualifications. Online learning will also continue during these three weeks to allow pupils to continue with their work when not physically in school.

During the first week of the return (week beginning 15th March), all pupils in S5 and S6 will attend school each day. S4 pupils will attend twice, and pupils in S1-3 will attend once. Over the course of the following two weeks (weeks beginning 22nd March and 29th March), pupils in S5 and S6 will attend only for prelim examinations. Pupils in S4 will attend on eight occasions, and pupils in S1-3 will each attend on five occasions.

In order to allow 2m distancing in classrooms, classes will be divided into thirds, with one third of each class attending during periods 1 and 2, one third attending during periods 3 and 4, and one third attending during periods 5 and 6.

Your child's timetable is posted below, and has also been sent to your child's Glow email account.

When in school, pupils should arrive in time for the period times shown on their timetable. I would ask that pupils avoid arriving excessively early. Pupils should enter the building using the entrances that were allocated during Term 1:

- S1-2 should enter through the main doors
- S3-4 should enter through the doors at the end of the maths corridor
- S5-6 should enter through the doors at the end of the PE corridor

Pupils will be asked to sanitise their hands on entry to the building and to make their way immediately to their allocated classrooms.

Please note that normal school uniform should be worn

Pupils must maintain a 2m distance from one another at all times, including from close friends. Furniture in classrooms has been rearranged to ensure that a 2m distance is maintained during lessons. All pre-existing hygiene measures (including ventilation) will continue to apply in classes. In addition, pupils and staff are expected to wear face coverings at all times. This now includes pupils in S1-3.

Covid-19 testing kits (lateral flow devices) are available for all pupils in S4-6. Those who have not already collected testing kits may do so at the following times:

- Pupils in S4-6 with surnames from A-D can collect testing kits on the morning of Tuesday 9th March (9.15am to 12.30pm)
- Pupils in S4-6 with surnames from E-G can collect testing kits on the afternoon of Tuesday 9th March (1.00pm to 2.00pm)
- Pupils in S4-6 with surnames from J-L can collect testing kits on the morning of Wednesday 10th March (9.15am to 12.30pm)
- Pupils in S4-6 with surnames from M-N can collect testing kits on the afternoon of Wednesday 10th March (1.00pm to 2.00pm)
- Pupils in S4-6 with surnames from O-R can collect testing kits on the morning of Thursday 11th March (9.15am to 12.30pm)
- Pupils in S4-6 with surnames from S-V can collect testing kits on the afternoon of Thursday 11th March (1.00pm to 2.00pm)

- Pupils in S4-6 with surnames from W-Z can collect testing kits on the morning of Friday 12th March (9.15am to 12.30pm)

It is anticipated that all pupils will be able to return to school full-time (without social distancing) after the Easter break. I know that staff and pupils will be looking forward to returning to school full-time, after what has been another disrupted and difficult term. All pupils, and in particular our senior phase pupils, should take full advantage of their Easter holiday to relax and have a proper break from online learning. Revision work will be posted on Google Classrooms for those who wish it, but there is no expectation that pupils undertake any remote learning work during the Easter break. Once we return to school, there will be plenty of opportunity for our senior pupils to attend face to face supported study sessions in preparation for assessments in May.

I shall write to you again to confirm the arrangements for Term 3 as soon as further detail is released by the Scottish Government. In the meantime, please accept the best wishes of all at Williamwood.

Kind regards

Willie Inglis