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Dear Parent / Carer,

I trust that you, and your families, remain well. As lockdown continues, I am sure you agree that we continually face new challenges and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, your children and our staff for the way we have continued to work together and support each other.

Throughout this week and the beginning of next week, we are delighted to be distributing iPads to pupils in the new S3, S4 and S5. Further communication will be sent to you and your child with the important details you need. Please take advantage of this offer – your child will only be in school for a short, socially distant, period of time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Cutler (gw18cutlercarol@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk) or phone the school office.

We are also delighted to welcome small groups of Primary 7s into Shawlands Academy over this week and next. Our well-established transition programme means that many of our new S1 have already visited but we wanted to offer another visit so that pupils can meet their Pastoral Care Teacher and see the school once again.

I have now received confirmation from the authority that our proposal for August 2020 has been approved. I hope that you appreciate the need to wait for this approval before sending our plan out to you. I appreciate your patience as we try to work out the best solution for our school community.

We have tried to maximise the timetable so that as many pupils as possible will have daily contact in school. In Shawlands Academy, we will be adopting the 'half-day' model: I will send a more detailed plan to you in due course but we are planning for S1, S5 and S6 to be in school every morning and for S2, S3 and S4 to be in school every afternoon. This will equate to approximately 14 hours of in school learning for S4-S6 and 12 hours in school for S1 – S3.

In order to maximise social distancing and ensure that all pupils can wash hands as they enter the building, we will be adopting a staggered start – Registration time will not be part of the school day in this temporary model.

Timings will be, as follows:

Year group	Start time (approx.)	Finish time (approx.)	Free School Meal availability
S1	8.45am or 9.45am	11.40am	Lunch will be available from 11.55am – 12.15pm
S5	8.50am	11.50am	
S6	8.55am	11.50am	
S2	12.45pm	Monday and Tuesday – 3.30pm Wednesday – Friday – 2.50pm	Lunch will be available from 12.40pm – 1pm
S3	12.50pm		
S4	12.55pm		

It is vital that only pupils who are eligible for free school meals, stay later or come into school earlier.



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Free school meals will still be available to all pupils who are eligible. If your child is not registered for free school meals – and you meet the criteria – please register as soon as possible. If you need support with this, please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher. During this time, the Fuel Zone will only provide school meals to those pupils who are eligible. Breakfast will not be available.

When pupils have finished their blocks of learning for the day, they must vacate the building as quickly as possible and avoid staying unnecessarily. Whilst I appreciate this seems very unwelcoming, it is vital so that we can ensure we are following appropriate health and safety protocols.

I have attached a Frequently Asked Questions – relating to Health and Safety - which will provide further clarity of how we intend to support pupils in staff as we return to the school building. If you require this in another format, please do not hesitate to contact us.

If your child is extremely clinically vulnerable they should not attend school but please let us know so we can provide more detailed work. If your child is vulnerable and you are anxious please contact Pastoral Care.

We have listened to feedback about home learning and understand that some of families are finding Teams difficult to work with. With this in mind, we are currently training staff in Showbie – which is similar to the platform used by primaries. More information will follow but initial feedback from staff is very positive. We will also be e mailing your child with some summer learning ideas which will hopefully help to keep their brains active throughout the holiday. Given that young people are only in school for half the time they would normally be they will be expected to be working from home (on directed activities) at other times, this is referred to as blended learning. PTs will be providing a course outline from August to October so you are clear on what the learning should be and where to find it.

When your child returns, we are keen to maintain our high standards that we have for uniform. We will not expect your child to wear a blazer but would request that they wear their tie, white shirt and black trousers or skirt. If your child has PE, they can wear their PE kit to school – comprising of a white t-shirt and black shorts / jogging trousers. No branded clothing should be worn.

I know that SLT and Pastoral Care continue to keep in contact with you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything that you need help or support with. I attach contact details again for your convenience. I will be in contact throughout the summer break with more specific information relating to your child but I wanted to share as much as possible with you. We look forward to welcoming your child back to Shawlands Academy on August 12th 2020.

I wish you and your families continued good health. Whilst I know that the summer break will be very different for all of us, I hope that you enjoy the holiday.

With very best wishes,

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