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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that you and your family have had a good summer break.

You will know, that the Scottish Government has indicated that all pupils are return to school full time in August 2020. We are absolutely delighted to welcome your child back to Shawlands Academy and look forward to working with you throughout the forthcoming session. I thank you most sincerely for all your support throughout lockdown.

Over the summer break, our school community has unfortunately suffered significant losses. Mrs Angela Fraser (Support for Learning Teacher) sadly passed away. She was a wonderful member of staff who had been part of our Shawlands Community for 18 years. Many of our pupils have benefited from working with Mrs Fraser and there is no doubt that she will be greatly missed. Sam Hannah (S2 pupil) also passed away. He showed great strength of character and determination to fight his illness but sadly lost his battle a few weeks ago. I am sure you will join with me in sending condolences to their families. If your child is affected by these tragedies, please let us know so that we can put further supports in place. As a community, we will continue to support each other through this difficult time.

I am also delighted to share with you that Mrs Victoria Blair Gardner has been appointed permanently as our Principal Teacher of Support for Learning. She works very closely with our pupils who have additional support needs so we are very fortunate to be able to make her post permanent.

Given the extraordinary circumstances we find ourselves in, and as part of our COVID recovery plan, we think that it is vital we are able to take time with all pupils when they return. With that in mind, next week there will be a staged return to school:

- Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August – S1 and S6;
- Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> August – S2 and S5 (as well as S1 and S6);
- Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> August – S3 and S4 (and all other year groups).

A staged return will enable us to complete a wellbeing check for each pupil, issue timetables, change any options for the senior school, and go over all the necessary health and safety information they need. Assemblies are still not permitted so we need to do this with pupils in much smaller groups than usual. We will send information next week detailing where pupils have to go when they come into the building. Your child should be in school from 8.45am to enable hand washing to take place. They will be in class groups from 8.55am. We appreciate your support with this.

Pupils will be designated areas within the school where they can go for breaks and at lunchtime. S1 and S2 pupils will not be permitted to go out into the local community during breaks. I would strongly advise that all pupils remain in school over lunch and avoid local shops. If you permit your child to leave, please advise them that they must be mindful and respectful of the protocols in place in local shops. They should only leave for food. Due to the number of pupils we have in Shawlands Academy, lunch will take place over two sittings. This will not affect the amount of teaching and learning time and lunch will still be 50 minutes long.



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A limited menu will be available in our fuel zone. 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. Please see the Frequently Asked Questions document (5<sup>th</sup> August 2020) for further information.

At the end of the day, pupils 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.

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, if they are required to change, they should wear jogging trousers and a white t-shirt. No branded clothing should be worn. We have a very successful up-cycling venture so if you need help with uniform, please let your child's Pastoral Care Teacher know. Similarly, if you have anything you can donate, we would be delighted to receive it. Please contact Mrs Cutler, DHT, for further information.

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

Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything that you need help or support with or if you have any additional questions. I attach contact details again for your convenience.

I wish you and your families continued good health. Whilst I know that the summer break is almost over, I hope you enjoy what's left of it.

With very best wishes,

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