



CHS Initial Phased Return (S4-S6) – From Monday 22nd February, 2021



Arrangements for small groups of young people in the senior phase returning to school to engage in critical practical work essential to in-school learning.

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Thank you as always for your ongoing support and patience. On Tuesday 16th February, Scottish Government confirmed that small groups of young people in the senior phase (S4-S6) will return to some in-school learning from Monday 22nd February. As you will understand, this has required complex planning based on Scottish Government and NLC guidance following the announcement made on Tuesday 16th February.

This booklet, outlines our rationale, plans, arrangements and expectations for this initial phased return.

Rationale

Small groups of senior phase learners (5-8% of the school roll) will attend school where pupils must complete coursework in subjects where there is a high level of practical work, which requires in-school facilities and cannot be taken remotely. The list of subjects requires senior phase learners engaged in SQA courses in the following subject areas:

Admin & IT, Art & Design, Craft, Design and Graphics, Computing, Drama, Practical Cookery, Modern Languages, Music and Music Technology.

Young people studying these courses will work across a blue week and a green week rota (week 1/week 2) which means that they will attend school to engage in a specific course/subject for the duration of a full day. Our Phased Return Timetable is attached at the rear of this booklet (Appendix 1). Please ensure that you and your child/children are aware of which days/dates they are due to be in school. Depending on subject choice (number of practical based courses studied as stated above), some young people may be required to be in school more than others and some may not be returning to school at all at this stage until further notice. Some may be required to attend at some points across both weeks so please read carefully and plan accordingly. We have essentially drawn up a fortnightly rota (blue week and green week) to ensure that we do not exceed 8% of our school roll attending on any given day.

Our approach is also designed to protect against cross over of groupings of children which could take place with am/pm splits or indeed period by period splits which is therefore in line with advice, guidelines and mitigations aimed at reducing the risk of transmission of COVID19. Senior Phase learners will be joining very small classes (approximately 10) to ensure two metre distancing.

Reducing the Risk of Transmission

In addition to maintaining two metre distancing, to further keep us all safe, the mitigations and arrangements that were in place prior to lockdown will continue to be in place including the following:

- Designated entry/exit points
- Hand sanitiser on entry/exit to building and each classroom
- Self-clean resources in rooms (disinfectant spray and wipes)
- Staggered interval/lunch/arrival/exit arrangements
- Face-coverings (must be worn at all times in the building by all staff and all S4-S6 learners – exemptions apply)
- Well ventilated rooms – air change procedures during breaks (windows open/doors open as appropriate/relevant)
- All subject sub-group advice documentation (Education Scotland) being adhered to by staff ensuring safe practice and learning in each specific practical subject area

School Transport

Those who are entitled to school transport under normal circumstances will continue to access school transport as normal. This may be considered/streamlined by NLC in future depending on numbers and need but from Monday 22nd February, school transport arrangements will be in place as normal. We will continue to update as/when/if required.

School Day

Senior learners involved in this initial phased return will report to school at the normal time of 8.55am. We ask that they do not arrive early – please aim to enter the building at 8.55am. We ask them all to enter via the Home Economics doors, before sanitising their hands on entry and then heading straight to the class/room they are working in/have been allocated. Individual class teachers will be responsible for marking the register and liaising with the school office to mark attendance. Staggered arrangements will be in place for interval/lunchtime and to safely exit at the end of the day (see below). This will ensure that senior phase pupils are kept separate from our other small group of young people learning in school such as those whose parents/carers are classed as key workers by Scottish Government.

Senior learners attending classes must wear school uniform.

Further Senior Phase Arrangements

- Enter/exit the building via Home Economics doors
- Report directly to class on entry (once hands are sanitised)
- Interval 10.20am – 10.50am (teacher will dismiss at 10.15am)
- Lunch 12.15pm – 1.15pm (teacher will dismiss at 12.15pm)
- Interval & lunch area is the Games Hall (3 per table maximum and 2 metres apart at all times)
- Leave school/board buses at 3.35pm (teacher will dismiss at 3.35pm)



Phased Return Arrangements & Timetable

The appendix on the next page(s) is our rota/timetable indicating which weeks/days identified senior learners are to attend school to engage in and complete critical practical work that is essential to be completed in-school.

Blue week dates are weeks beginning:

- Monday 22nd February
- Monday 8th March
- Monday 22nd March

Green week dates are weeks beginning:

- Monday 1st March
- Monday 15th March
- Monday 29th March

These dates are subject to potential change in line with any further announcements from Scottish Governments although the First Minister has mentioned that it is unlikely that there will be further updates about further school returns before 15th March. We will keep you informed of any updates.

Please read through the arrangements & timetable (appendix) with your son/daughter to ensure that you are fully planned regards if/when they are to be in school throughout this initial phased return. Please read across both blue week and green week as some learners are included across both, dependant on subjects they are studying. Appendix 1 states clearly the list of young people who should attend each class on specified days and it also states the room they are to attend, examples T3, meaning Technical room 3, Art 3 meaning Art room 3, ICT 4 meaning ICT room 4, AM Hall meaning Auchengeich Memorial Hall and so on.

Additionally, individual subject/class teachers will be in direct contact with learners via relevant Microsoft Teams about when they are to be in school/class to further support our arrangements and communications. Any issues/queries or if you or your son/daughter require further information/clarification then please contact us at the school in the normal way – Year Group Pupil Support and or specific Year Head who will, as always, be delighted to help.

