



Taylor High School

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School Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your families have had a happy and holy Easter break! As you will have heard from the Scottish Government's recent announcements, I can confirm that, with the exception of those who should continue shielding, all pupils can return to in-school learning on a full-time basis from Monday 19th April. While it is great news to be able to welcome our pupils back to normal learning in school, it is important that we continue to be vigilant in keeping each other as safe as possible. I have outlined a few points below that are important for us all to understand our common responsibilities in reducing risks and maximising safety. I would appreciate your support in reviewing these points with your young people at home to avoid any complacency as we return to a more normal school routine. [This short animation](#) might be a useful starting point for a conversation.



Entering the school building

With the exception of those pupils who should continue to shield, all our pupils will be back in the building **in full school uniform** from Monday. To support a good flow of pupils into and through the building, pupils should enter school before school and after interval/lunch as follows:

S1-2: pupils should line up in the circles in the main school yard to be directed to class in a staggered and orderly manner

S3: pupils should go directly to class through the old entrance next to the Janitor's office

S4-6: pupils should go directly to class through the main school entrance and art corridor door

Parents should continue to drop-off and pick-up pupils from outside the school grounds, except in a situation of emergency or sickness.

Maximising time outdoor/ventilation

Unless the weather is very bad, pupils will be asked to remain outdoors as much as possible. Pupils will still be able to eat indoors, but at all other times they will be asked to be outside the school building. Pupils should bring an appropriate jacket that can be worn over their blazers to ensure that they are dry, warm and comfortable with the increased time outdoors. In keeping with the national guidance, classrooms will be ventilated through open doors and windows as much as is possible.

F.A.C.T.S

It is essential that all pupils, like staff, understand their responsibility to continue following F.A.C.T.S. This is especially the case on the way to school, during break-times, and when the young people are out of the school campus at lunchtime. Every single pupil has a responsibility to reduce the risk presented by crowds or close-contact, even in times when they are not directly supervised by an adult; please discuss this with your young person.

F—Face coverings (to continue to be worn by all pupils and staff unless exempt); **THIS INCLUDES ON SCHOOL BUSES**

A—Avoid crowded places; maximise social distancing at all times continues to be the safest way

C—Clean hands; pupils should continue with increased hand-washing and sanitising

T—Two-metre distancing: while the strict 2m distancing is removed in schools, social distancing should continue to be observed

S—Self-isolate: any pupil experiencing symptoms must NOT attend school and should follow guidance related to seeking a PCR test



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Physical Education

Currently, pupils will not be able to use the changing rooms. Therefore, any pupil with PE on their timetable should wear the PE kit for the full school day. Usual rules apply regarding the appropriate clothing to wear for PE including no football colours.

S1 Lunchtime

As is the tradition, S1 pupils can now leave the school grounds during lunchtime if this is the preferred choice of each pupil and their family. All S1 families are asked to discuss the importance of road-safety and F.A.C.T.S. if getting lunch from businesses in the local area.

Lateral Flow Device Testing

ALL pupils can now participate in the asymptomatic testing programme. Pupils need to return a signed consent form to collect their first kit from the school office. Further details are available [here](#) from our website. **For all those pupils who have already started on the programme, additional kits should be collected from the school office to allow testing to continue every Monday and Thursday morning. TESTING SHOULD BE STARTED AGAIN THIS MONDAY 19TH APRIL.**

If there are any particular concerns that you would like to discuss about your child's learning or wellbeing, please contact the Pupil Support Team.

Yours faithfully,
Paul McWatt

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	3 May—May Day Holiday 6 May—Inservice Day 13 May—Ascension Thursday 28/31 May—May Holiday Weekend (Fri/Mon) 7-8 June—Additional Inservice Days 24 June—School closes for summer
MAXIMISING SAFETY FOR EVERYONE	<p>F A C T S</p> <p>Face coverings </p> <p>Avoid crowded places </p> <p>Clean your hands regularly </p> <p>Two metre distance </p> <p>Self-isolate and book a test if you have symptoms </p> <p>nhsinform.scot/coronavirus</p> <p>CORONAVIRUS STAY SAFE PROTECT OTHERS SAVE LIVES</p> <p>Healthier Scotland Scottish Government</p> <p>NHS SCOTLAND</p>