

People Directorate

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Dear Parent/Carer

FULL RETURN TO SCHOOL - Monday 19 April 2021

The school closes at 2.30pm on Thursday 1 April for the Easter holidays. We are anticipating a full return of all pupils on Monday 19 April following the Easter break. This is conditional on a final check point on 6 April and the Government being confident that the virus is under control and the R level has stabilised. If there are any changes to our planned return as a result of an announcement on 6 April, I will contact you again.

The School Day

All going well, our normal school timetable will resume on 19 April. The changes to the school day that have been in place since August will also resume. This is to minimise large groups arriving and leaving the school at the same time and gathering together at social times.

S1 to S3

- Arrive at 8.45am and go to Daily Personal Support
- Interval after period 2 (10.35am)
- Lunch at 12.30 – 1.10 every day
- S1 finish at 3.30 pm (2.40pm on a Wednesday/Thursday/Friday)
- S2 and S3 finish at 3.40pm (2.50pm on a Wednesday/Thursday/Friday)

S4 to S6

- Arrive at 8.55am and go straight to period 1 class
- Interval at 11.25am before the start of period 4
- Lunch at 1.20 to 2.00 every day
- Finish at 3.45 pm (2.55pm on a Wednesday/Thursday/Friday) unless they are going for a bus

Health and Safety Measures

Safety remains of paramount importance and we require to adhere to current Public Health guidance. Please note the following requirements:

- ✓ Pupils should try not to arrive at school until it is time to go to class to avoid congregating in large unsupervised groups.
- ✓ Face masks must be worn on entering the building and **at all times** other than when eating.
- ✓ Pupils are required to sanitise hands/desks every time they enter the classroom as part of our normal procedures.
- ✓ Windows and doors will be open for ventilation so pupils should dress warmly and will be allowed to keep jackets on if necessary.
- ✓ Parents should not enter the school carpark or the school building without prior arrangement. If you require to contact your child, then please call the school office.

At this point, our understanding is that there will be no requirement for physical distancing in school except between staff and pupils. However, we will be encouraging pupils not to gather in groups of more than six and to keep their distance as much as possible.

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell or displaying any Covid symptoms.

Lateral Flow Testing

As you know, the Government's Schools Asymptomatic Testing Programme, has been put in place across all South Ayrshire secondary schools as part of our COVID-19 risk reduction measures. **All pupils from S1 to S6 are encouraged to take part in regular testing to further reduce risks for staff and young people in our school.** If you have not already completed a permission form and received a pack of tests for your child, please contact the school office. Pupils should take the test at home every Monday and Thursday **before coming to school.**

Advance Notice of Additional In-service Days

Two additional in-service days will now take place in June for all secondary schools. These additional days were announced by John Swinney and are for SQA assessment and moderation. As you know, this year, schools are responsible for assessment and making judgements about provisional grades. This work will take place on these in-service days both in school and across South Ayrshire schools to ensure consistent standards are applied. As a result, the school will be closed to all pupils on the following dates.

- **Friday 11 June 2021**
- **Monday 14 June 2021**

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued understanding and support. It has been a very challenging term for us all, and I do not underestimate the pressure on parents to support home learning and get children to school for the different sessions. I am very proud of our pupils who have continued to adapt to the constant changes. They have engaged well online, attended their in-school sessions and followed all the health and safety measures without complaint.

Have a restful holiday and here's hoping for the start of a brighter, more normal, future in the summer term.

Best wishes



Mary Byrne
Head Teacher