



Phased return to school

March 2021

When will pupils return?

Next week (week beginning 15 March) and the following week (week beginning 22 March) pupils will attend on the following days:

Monday S5/6	Tuesday S2	Wednesday S4	Thursday S3	Friday S1
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All pupils will be provided with an individual plan for their day – this will be posted in their registration Team on Thursday 11 March.

COVID mitigations

- Face coverings must be worn at all times – this includes during lessons. They can only be removed to eat/drink. Pupils exempt for medical reasons will not require to wear a face covering but a lanyard is available to collect - pupils are encouraged to use these.
- Strict 2 metre social distancing must be maintained by all – this includes in corridors, social spaces and classrooms. On transport the distancing is reduced to 1 metre.
- Hands must be washed or sanitised frequently – hand sanitiser continues to be available at all entrance/exit points and classrooms.
- We will continue to operate a one-way system around the school and we will stagger release for break, lunch and end of the day to reduce numbers in the corridors further.
- Pupils must eat lunch onsite – this means senior pupils will not be allowed to go into town for lunch.
- Lateral flow test kits are available for S4-6 pupils – information has been sent out about these. Kits will be available for S1-3 to begin testing after the Easter holidays. We will issue letters and consent forms for these next week and issue kits during week 2.

School Transport

School Transport will operate as normal. Pupils will now have to sit 1 metre apart from others. Bus operators will have indicated seats that can and cannot be sat on. Face coverings must be worn at all times, unless exempt. Hands must be sanitised before boarding. Food and drink must not be consumed onboard.

Other arrangements for the two week phased return

- Pupils will not be required to wear school uniform. They must wear appropriate clothing to be in school. Please note that we must increase ventilation in the building so pupils should bring warm clothes. S2/3 who have PE must wear clothing suitable for outdoors and bring a pair of trainers to change into.
- Senior pupils who have been invited in to complete classwork for their SQA courses should continue to attend on the days they have been told. **HOWEVER**, we do not have capacity on Monday to operate this so please only attend if dates are Tuesday – Friday.
- We encourage anyone who is able to, to bring a device with them to work in school.

Remote learning

We will continue to provide remote learning for those not in school. Please note that as teaching staff are now required to be in school to deliver face-to-face learning there will be changes to how this is delivered.

Return to full time face-to-face teaching

The Scottish Government has indicated they expect all pupils to return to school after the easter holidays. For us this will be Monday 12 April. The Scottish Government will confirm this and we will inform you of the plans.