

Parent Update

12 March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

Phased Return of Students

I am delighted that we will once again have our students back in the school building with us, albeit in a limited capacity. We have been working on putting arrangements in place to enable students to work within the 2 metre restrictions in classrooms and the communal space, all of which your child's head of year explained in yesterday's Teams assemblies. You should have received information this week detailing which days your child is to attend school over the next three weeks and the changes they can expect to see in the school. If you have not received this, please contact us and we will arrange for this to be passed to you. Many thanks for your patience in waiting for this information.

S1 Parents' Evening

The S1 virtual parents' evening will take place on Tuesday 23 March from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm. Information on how and when to book appointments was sent yesterday and again, if you have not received this please get in touch.

LFD Testing

As the Scottish Government announced this week, all secondary students will have access to lateral flow devices to enable them to complete COVID tests at home. Some senior students have already been using these over the past few weeks and information is attached on the LFD tests along with a consent form. Participation in this is voluntary for both students and staff. Students will be informed next week of where and when they should collect their testing kit should they wish to take part, beginning with senior phase students. Any student who has already returned a consent form does not need to complete another to collect replacement tests.

I hope that you and your families have a good weekend and remain safe and well.

Pauline Allison
Head Teacher

Reminder of Covid 19 Protocols

As you are aware, with the return of our pupils and staff to school, we have put procedures in to place that support all members of the school community if anyone displays symptoms of Covid 19.

A reminder that the symptoms are:

- High temperature or fever
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste

If a pupil displays symptoms, we will contact you to collect your child (please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details). **Pupils over the age of 16 may return home themselves.** The pupil should, if possible, wear a face covering en route and avoid public transport.

You will be asked to follow Test and Protect and we will provide you with a copy of the Test and Protect Leaflet and Step by Step Guide when your child is collected.

Information on the groups of children within the school, **and on school transport**, and the adults that each group of children come in to contact with will be collected. This is to fulfil legal responsibilities for public health and will allow Test and Protect to contact appropriate people in the event of a positive test result.

If anyone within your household tests positive for Covid 19, please do not send your child to school. Report their absence and the reason for this by calling PSA in the morning.