



Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will read below, we are continually reviewing our arrangements and will evolve these as best we can to improve the pupil experience and the range of provision we can offer.

Education Scotland updated its guidance on P.E. on 7th September. However, most of the main restrictions remain in place. Further guidance is due next week. (See below.)

We would like to thank everyone for their contribution to ensuring that the school has been able to reopen in a way that is minimally disruptive to learning. The main threat from COVID-19 stems not from within the school, but from interactions in the community. We would encourage everyone to comply with the current restrictions in Glasgow on social interactions amongst households. In particular, parents have an important role to play in ensuring that young people in the 15-24 age group (S3-S6 and their older siblings) are not mixing in ways which will see COVID-19 coming into our homes and from there into the school.

While both the Scottish and UK Governments have made clear their intention to keep schools open, the opportunities we are able to offer in sport, music-making and clubs will be determined by the prevailing circumstances in society. I am pleased to say that secondary pupils have very much respected the protocols within which they have to work.

Kindest regards
Paul Thomson

School Day Pattern

Having run with our rearranged school day for 5 weeks we will from Monday 14 September be making some minor internal changes to the pattern of the Secondary day. These are designed to facilitate the movement of pupils and provision of services around intervals. The revised day times are set out below.

There are no changes in Primary and no changes to the start and end times in Secondary for any pupil.

Refectory Interval Service

From Monday 14th also we will be reintroducing a catering service for pupils during the first secondary interval. This is targeted mainly at senior pupils in S5 and S6, but S3 (M-Th) and S2 (F) will also benefit.

Unfortunately, we cannot at this time offer a service during the second interval due to its proximity to the Primary lunch hour.

We would remind parents that pupils in S1-S3 are not permitted to leave the school campus at lunchtime. This policy was established in 2007 with the overwhelming support of parents.

School Captains 2020-21

Unable to hold our usual husting event this year, the candidates for the captaincy team were invited to post a short video online. Thank you to all of their peers and the staff who took the trouble to view these and to vote. Congratulations to all those appointed and thank you to those who had the courage to stand but were ultimately unsuccessful.

Captains: Romey Abu-Rajab and James Thomson
Senior Vice-captains: Grace Hamilton and Kevin Lynch Small
Vice-captains: Kirsten Hay, Niamh Hay, Archie Cockburn and Calum Corfield

Arrangements for National 5 to Advanced Higher Courses in 2021

SQA has not as yet published details of any revisions to the arrangements for 2021. As and when these are published and departments have had an opportunity to absorb the detail and think through the implications we will then share with pupils and parents any specific information which they may need to know.

S3-S6 Chromebooks

Chromebooks have been issued to pupils in S3 and S4 this week. S5 and S6 will receive theirs on Monday 14th. A signed agreement and deposit is required prior to issue.

Pupils in S3-S6 are expected to bring their Chromebook to school fully charged every day. Teachers are planning both in-school and remote learning on the assumption that all pupils will be using their Chromebook or their own technology where they have chosen so to do.

P.E. and Sports

At present it remains the case that schools are not allowed to use changing or indoor facilities. Non-contact sports only are permitted and activities are limited to skills and drills in hockey, rugby and football. We will be seeking to expand activities if the guidance due on 14 September permits.

Pupils who have P.E. during the day or a sporting activity immediately after school should come to school in their P.E. kit. Anyone who is able to go home at lunchtime (S4-S6) or at the end of their school day should do so to get changed and then return to school for their activity.

Forthcoming Events

September

Wednesday 16 S4 Parents Briefing via Zoom
Thursday 24 Charity dress down day £2 per pupil
Friday 25 Holiday
Monday 28 Holiday

Dress Down Day

We have had no opportunities to raise money for the charities chosen by our pupils since March. All pupils who choose to come to school out of uniform on Thursday 24th are expected to contribute **£2** towards these very worthwhile charities.

- [Buddies](#) was established 25 years ago to provide community-based play/leisure, social and recreational opportunities for children, young people and adults with disabilities and additional needs.

- [Cancer Support Scotland](#) provides free emotional and practical support to anyone affected by cancer, including family members and carers.
- [GAMH promotes mental health and wellbeing](#) promotes mental health and wellbeing of people and communities through community based support.

School Day Pattern from Monday 14th September

	Early Start		Late Start		P1-P2	P3	P4-P7
09.00-09.55	1			Entry	08.45		09.00
09.55-10.50	2		2				
10.50-11.05	Interval	10.50-11.45	3	Interval	10.25-10.40		10.50-11.05
11.05-12.00	3	11.45-12.00	Interval				
12.00-12.55	4		4	Lunch	11.50-12.55		12.05-13.05
12.55-13.40	Lunch		5a				
13.40-14.35	5b		Lunch	Interval	Depart 14.15	14.15-14.30	14.30-14.45
14.35-15.30	6		6	Depart		15.15	15.30
15.30-16.25			7				

Primary teachers will adjust times as necessary for classes being taught in Secondary.