



Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you again for your forbearance in these challenging times. I thought it might be useful to provide an update before the May weekend holiday.

There is much speculation in the media about the possible reopening of schools made all the more confusing by the situation in England. Last weekend the First Minister stated that *"there was no chance of schools getting back to normal "in any way, shape or form" before the summer holidays begin next month. She said discussions were taking place over whether it would be possible for any pupils to return to the classroom by then - but it was likely to be on a "very limited basis" if it was to happen at all."*

The national Education Recovery Group (ERG) is expected to publish guidance next week as to the basis upon which any return to school will be managed. It is anticipated that this will be lengthy, complex and subject to interpretation in the unique context of each school. To a large extent the social distancing requirements will dictate the amount of time young people will be able to spend in school. It seems likely that at best even our largest classrooms will accommodate no more than 12 pupils. Capacity will be further limited by any requirement to continue full-time education for the children of key workers and for staff to remain shielded for whatever reason. Providing a catering service for any appreciable number of people will be problematic. At this stage there is little point in speculating as to the precise nature of any eventual return to school.

For these reasons, we see remote learning and the use of Office 365 as continuing to play a key role in learning. Having transitioned to the new timetable and classes, we are endeavouring to ensure that no pupil is 'left behind'. Colleagues will follow up promptly if they see any evidence that a pupil is not completing assigned work. If you need support or advice, then please ask for it.

Last week, pupils in S2-S4 were asked to complete a Form asking for feedback on their wellbeing, readiness to engage with the new timetable and the volume of work they are being asked to undertake. Most young people report that they are coping well. Heads of House are following up as appropriate. S5-S6 will complete the Form this week. Again, if your child is experiencing difficulties of any sort, you or they should not hesitate to contact their Primary teacher, Tutor or Head of House.

Below we address a number of aspects of wider school provision about which we have received enquiries. At present there are too many uncertainties to offer definitive answers in many areas. Nevertheless, I hope you find this update helpful.

Kindest regards  
Paul Thomson

### **Instrumental Instruction**

Throughout the period of school closure our instrumental instructors have successfully sustained tuition via Teams in O365. We have now written to the parents of those already taking lessons about arrangements for the coming session. We envisage that lessons in school will be possible next term.

At this time also we would normally write to parents (particularly P4 and incoming S1) inviting applications to commence lessons. These letters are in the process of being sent.

## **Sports Programme**

While some forms of sports coaching may be permissible next term, it is highly unlikely that fixtures will proceed as it will not be feasible to transport large numbers of pupils and maintain social distancing requirements. Into this we will also have to factor any requirements set by the governing bodies of sports. All of our sporting activities remain under review at this time.

## **School Uniform**

The online school shop continues to offer a range of items and we hold most items in stock. The school's uniform suppliers, John Lewis and Stevensons, may or may not be able to supply you online. While the fitting day for the S5-S6 tartan skirt has been cancelled, we have been advised that tartan skirts will be available in store during the summer and a separate communication will be issued on this. Stevensons will be offering an appointment system for parents of children joining Jordanhill School for the first time (INFO ATTACHED).

We appreciate that parents of new entrants to P1 and S1 are always keen to secure uniform well in advance. You may browse our online shop and start to order items, and these will be held in School and we will advise designated days that parents can attend to pick up orders, as soon as restrictions are eased.

## **Admissions Review**

As promised, the school has published clarification on the key questions being asked via the online response form. This information supplements that in the Q&A document already published. You can access both documents [here](#).

## **Holiday Weekend**

Please note the school will be closed to all pupils on Friday 22 and Monday 25 May.

# School Uniform

## REGISTER NOW!

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### Keeping you updated

With the current lockdown, retail restrictions and social distancing likely to have a significant impact in the flow of customers through our retail branches over the summer, we are having to revise our operations to maintain a smooth customer service experience. So we can update you on these changes it is important that we ask you register on our website so we can communicate these once we are in a position to reopen.

### Appointments **GOING LIVE IN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS**

We are in the process of revising our online appointment system to allow certain branch based schools the ability to visit our stores and be outfitted in a safe environment. These should only be booked by parents of **children starting their school for the first time** who need a full uniform.

At this stage we are unsure whether we will be able to offer appointments for pupils already at their school this summer and encourage purchases to be made on-line, although we will be monitoring the situation and communicating further in due course.

**Please register at [www.stevensons.co.uk](http://www.stevensons.co.uk) and you will be notified via email when the appointments will be live for you to book.**

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