

Dear Parent/Carer,



I hope this letter finds you well.

As from Monday we can start to allow some young people in the Senior Phase to return to school for blocks of learning they cannot do at home. This provision is restricted to young people who study practical subjects.

Each young person involved will receive an individual letter on Friday informing them when they should come to school.

There will be a 3 period, 2 and a half hours, teaching block available for every practical subject they study over the course of the week. The blocks will either be 0900-1130 or 1230-1500.

The school subjects this involves are as follows:

- Practical Bakery
- Practical Cookery
- Health & Food Technology
- Drama
- Music
- Music Technology
- Admin
- Computing
- Cyber Resilience
- Graphic Communication
- Practical Woodwork
- Practical Metalwork
- Laboratory Science

PE is not included as young people would still not be allowed to take part in exercise inside the building. If this advice changes we will update you.

In devising the timetables, we have tried to ensure we preserve the remote offering in all other year groups.

Some important points to note:

- All classes will have 2m social distancing
- All young people must wear face coverings
- Young people will be expected to sanitise their hands at the start of every lesson

- Young people will be expected to clean desks/tools as appropriate
- Young people should not arrive to school earlier than the assigned session at 9am or 12.30pm
- Young people should enter from the front door and report directly to the department they are assigned and when the class finishes should leave immediately
- All young people should wear either full school uniform or the Holyrood Roodie
- There will be no provision for lunch other than the payments organised by GCC

As unwelcoming as it may sound we must follow advice given by the Scottish Government.

We will of course continue to offer provision for Key Workers children and Vulnerable young people. From Monday this provision will be in the English Block. Young people accessing our Hub should enter from the Albert Road entrance only and will then report to the Breakfast Area.

The Categories for Key Workers as set out by the Scottish Government is shown below:

*Category 1 – Health and Care workers directly supporting COVID-19 response, and associated staff; Health and Care workers supporting life threatening emergency work, as well as critical primary and community care provision; Energy suppliers (small numbers identified as top priority already); staff providing childcare/learning for other category 1 staff.*

*o Category 2 – All other Health and Care workers, and wider public sector workers providing emergency/critical welfare services (for example: fire, police, prisons, social workers), as well as those supporting our Critical National Infrastructure, without whom serious damage to the welfare of the people of Scotland could be caused.*

*o Category 3 – All workers (private, public or third sector) without whom there could be a significant impact on Scotland (but where the response to COVID-19, or the ability to perform essential tasks to keep the country running, would not be severely compromised).*

From Monday young people in our Senior Phase can also be provided with a lateral flow test kit. If your child wishes a test kit they must complete the associated consent form. I attach a letter giving details about the testing and the consent form to our website. All personal data will be stored for 8 years.

The test kits will be issued between 11am and 12noon daily from our school office.

Our remote learning package will continue for young people in S1-3 and for non-practical subjects.

I am hoping that this small increase in numbers is only the start of a larger return to school sometime soon.

Thank you once again for all your support,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Watson".

Mrs Sharon Watson