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Gryffe High School, Level 1, 2020-2023

Dear Pupils and Parents/Carers

I write to say how much we are looking forward to all pupils returning to school on Monday 19 April. I can say, with no doubt whatsoever, that staff have missed being in front of pupils for face-to-face Learning and Teaching, and of course supporting the wellbeing of our pupils.

All pupils return to school at 8:47am on Monday 19 April.

Pupils will return to their normal period by period timetables, and the school day will be back to

our normal timings: 8:47am - 3:40pm on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

8:47am - 2:50pm on a Wednesday and Friday

All pupils will receive a Health and Safety presentation during their first class. We will have a particular emphasis on **pupil responsibilities**:

ENTERING THE BUILDING EACH DAY

- Every day please enter the door closest to your first class **wearing a mask**.
- Do not enter the building before 8:30am. If possible arrive at school as close to the first bell as possible.
- Use wall mounted hand sanitisers or your own.
- Go straight to your first class – all social areas are closed.
- At the start and end of the lesson teachers will direct you to wipe/clean your learning area.
- The toilets, corridors and the canteen cannot be used as an area to wait on or meet friends.

VENTILATION: LESSONS AND CLASSROOM/INTERVALS AND LUNCH BREAKS

- All classrooms will have windows and doors open during lessons. Make sure you have something warm under your blazer **NOT** a hoodie.
- At interval, lunch and end of day - exit the building from the nearest door to your class.
- On a dry day you can only access the canteen via door 2 (Technical/Canteen door). On a wet day use the one-way system.
- Pupils are not permitted to eat or drink in the corridors.
- **Pupils are not permitted to leave the School Campus – until Monday 26 April (next week)**
The canteen will open for pupil use otherwise pupils should bring a packed lunch.

Lateral Flow Device Testing

We tried to ensure that **all** pupils in Gryffe had collected their LFD test kits before stopping for the Spring Holidays, and we have also managed to issue more over the Spring Break.

Preferably pupils should have had two negative LFD tests before they return to school, and then take two tests per week, as detailed in the instructions. This will ensure that we are minimising the spread of COVID-19 and that asymptomatic carriers can isolate and prevent any further spread.

If any pupil needs a further supply of Self Testing Kits, we would ask parents/carers to please email the school office at gryffehighoffice@renfrewshire.gov.uk and we will arrange distribution.

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During the remainder of April we will be trying to get back into our routines, with our key focus on face to face Learning and Teaching, and the Wellbeing of our pupils.

The May/June period will be difficult as we manage the assessment processes for S4, S5 and S6 pupils, but we will rise to the challenge, and, as usual, bring our pupils out the other side – having supported and pushed them to the best possible grades. The Scottish Qualification Authority created the alternative certification model, which included the roles and responsibilities of all parts of the education system, and through this model schools were to submit Provisional Grades based on demonstrated attainment and as such assessment evidence is required. We aim to issue an assessment calendar later this week, or the beginning of the following week, making every attempt to balance out assessments across this very busy period. We will provide further detail on this when we issue the Assessment Calendar.

For our S1 – S3 pupils, their Broad General Education within S1 to S3 is based on developing the knowledge, skills, attributes and capabilities of the four capacities of Curriculum for Excellence:

- Successful learners
- Confident individuals
- Responsible citizens
- Effective contributors

It is designed to provide the breadth and depth of education to develop flexible and adaptable young people with the knowledge and skills they will need to thrive now and in the future. It aims to support young people in achieving and attaining the best they possibly can, and as such, even though S2 and S3 pupils have been through our option choice process, **it is important that they maintain their levels of engagement across all their existing subjects.**

Our S1 pupils also return to enjoy the latter part of their transition into Secondary, where we are aware there is a need to re-engage them into Secondary School life due to the unfortunate start/stop introduction.

We can hopefully also welcome in the Primary 7 pupils in June, albeit possibly a wee bit later, and if at all possible start our new timetable towards the end of June. This then sets us up for a quick and efficient start in August.

As I mentioned at the beginning of my update, I look forward to all the pupils coming back tomorrow, and hope it's the beginning of getting back into our routines and that continuous drive for improvement, as well as enjoying being amongst friends again.

Upcoming priorities/events

Yours sincerely

Mr Colin Johnson
Head Teacher

Monday 19 April	All pupils return for a prompt 8:47 am start
Friday 23	Assessment Calendar issued to S4-S6 pupils
Monday 26	Parent Council Zoom Meeting; 7:00 pm start
Monday 3 May	Holiday
Thursday 6	In-Service Day
Monday 10	S1 & S3 Reports issued to pupils



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If any pupil is finding things a little difficult, or just wants to talk, then please contact one of us.

We are here for you, and as I hope you know **CARING** always comes first.

Contact details of Senior Management Team and Pupil Support staff .

<p>Senior Management Team:</p> <p>S1, S6 Mrs Brown gw07brownangela3@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>S2 Ms Dhesi gw07dhesisara@glow.sch.uk Ms Dhesi will now be the Year Head for S2 pupils</p> <p>S3 Mr Christie gw16christiekevin@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>S4, S5 Mrs Skillen gw07skillenann@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Mrs Willbond maureen.willbond@renfrewshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Mr Johnson gw09johnsoncolin@glow.sch.uk</p>	<p>Principal Teachers Pupil Support: Attainment</p> <p>Ms Dhesi gw07dhesisara@glow.sch.uk Mr Anderson gw14andersonchristo2@glow.sch.uk Mrs Carmichael gw17carmichaelshelle@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Principal Teacher Pupil Support: Achievement</p> <p>Miss lafrate gw10iafrateannette@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Principal Teachers Pupil Support: Guidance</p> <p>Burns House Mrs O'Hare gillian.ohare1@renfrewshire.school Mrs Carmichael gw17carmichaelshelle@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Fleming House Mr Clark gw07clarkjames5@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Mackintosh House Mr Findlay gw12findlayadam@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Wallace House Miss Holmes gw13holmeshannah2@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Principal Teacher Pupil Support: Support for Learning:</p> <p>Miss Brown gw07brownfiona6@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Principal Teacher Pupil Support: Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion:</p> <p>Mrs Costello gw13costellosheena@glow.sch.uk</p>
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