



# GRYFFE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Pupils and Parents/Carers

Last Friday I provided my first brief update on the school website for this up and coming new session and stated we were awaiting an announcement from Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister, on Thursday 30 July. As of yesterday it has been confirmed that all pupils will be returning to school on a full-time basis and I would like to provide a few updates for you, as well as openly state how much we are looking forward to having our pupils back in school. We have missed the routines, the ‘buzz’ of school and being part of the development of our young people, sharing in their achievements and supporting their wellbeing.

Mr Steven Quinn, Director of Children’s Services for Renfrewshire Council, provided a detailed update this morning on pupils returning to school, clearly stating that the safety and wellbeing of our children, young people and staff are of the highest importance. I have uploaded this to the school website, however I will cover a few on the key points within this letter.

Within Gryffe we continue to prepare for the return of pupils and staff. As you would expect we will have the school fully cleaned and all appropriate safety measures in place – Robust hygiene and cleaning procedures are in place; supervision on entering and leaving the school building, with hand sanitisers at all entrance/exit points; our clear one way systems will be emphasised when moving around the school; and revised risk assessments to ensure that we have taken all appropriate precautions. We have also, with the support of Renfrewshire Council, just upgraded our computer infrastructure to Windows 10, and have installed over 120 new computers to replace ones which were struggling to cope. Again, we will have the appropriate measures in place to ensure computers, and worktops, are cleaned at the beginning and end of lessons.

As detailed by Mr Quinn, there will be a phased return of pupils, starting on Wednesday 12 August. Our timeline is:

Monday 10 August	Staff In-Service Day
Tuesday 11 August	Staff In-Service Day
Wednesday 12 August	S1 and S6 return to school
Thursday 13 August	S4 and S5 return to school (in addition to S1 and S6 above)
Friday 14 August	S2 & S3 return to school, meaning all pupils are back

The start of the school day is still 8:50 am, although I would like to remind you that the first bell goes at 8:47 am, and the expectation is that pupils are in school by then and on their way to the first lesson for a prompt 8:50 am start. It is preferable that pupils enter the school building via the door that is closest to their next class. I will provide more detail on this in my update next week. The class timings will be the same as usual, as will the end of the school day.

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Pupils will attend their normal lessons, at the normal times, and we will try to encourage pupils to social distancing wherever possible, however that will be a responsibility that we hope the pupils will take on board themselves.

### SQA Results

Our new S5 and S6 pupils, and the S6 pupils who left us last session, await their SQA Results this coming Tuesday 4 August. I will upload, to the school website and issue via Show My Homework, the detail should any pupil wish an appeal to be submitted and/or who wish to change any of their subject choices. We will be holding our 'Re-negotiation Day' on Wednesday 5 August, however this year will be via appointments as detailed in the letter.

### School Uniform

We would ask all pupils and parents/carers to support our School Uniform for the coming session. All pupils will be expected to be in school uniform. School Uniform can be purchased from our main supplier - SchoolWear Made Easy, with details available on the school website.

Schoolwear Made Easy are fully stocked with the vast majority of your uniform. They can advise through Phone, E-Mail, Video and, where applicable, in-store.

<https://www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com/contacts/>

Or go straight to make an order:

<https://www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com/badged-school-uniform/e-h/g/gryffe-high-school>

I would like to thank all pupils and parents/carers for their support over the last many months, and also for the many kind words in regard to the work staff were doing to support children.

I would like to point you to a package of information that is this available for parents and carers on the Local Authority website: [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/coronavirusschools](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/coronavirusschools) - including detailed Frequently Asked Questions. Here you will also find the National Guidance for schools and nurseries that we are following.

We are moving in the right direction and as always our focus is in providing our pupils with the very best educational provision we possibly can. Having the Primary 7 pupils in Gryffe in June, as well as our S6 Pupil Management Team, was both a joy and a pleasure – one shared by all the staff who were genuinely excited at having pupils in front of them to teach.

We will be working next week in finalising all appropriate details for the safe return of pupils and staff, and I will provide a further update next Friday, 7 August.

Please take care and I look forward to seeing all pupils, and parents/carers whenever possible, over the coming weeks.

Colin Johnson  
Head Teacher

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