

DUNEDIN SCHOOL

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Update 4th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you and your families are keeping safe and well.

It is a relief to finally send an email to you all with some positive news. If you listened to the Scottish Government's announcement on Tuesday, you will know that there is, at last, some light at the end of the tunnel, and schools can now plan for a phased return from 15 March.

While any plans are subject to further guidance, please see below the details of how this next phase will be implemented at Dunedin, and key dates so far:

Monday 15 March-Wednesday 31 March:

- All pupils will begin to return to school, attending for full days, but on alternate days
- On the days pupils do not attend school, they will continue learning at home, with lessons being delivered via Google Classroom, just as they are at the moment
- We are currently working on the timetable for pupils during this period, and will email individual timetables and more information to you next week
- Rosie will be in touch with those of you whose children travel to school by taxi to make arrangements in line with the new timetables

Wednesday 31 March:

Pupils finish for the Easter holidays

Monday 19 April onwards:

All pupils will return to school on a full-time basis (subject to further government guidance)

We know some of you may well feel anxious about the school reopening but, as always, we will be working hard to make it as safe as we possibly can.

We will once again put in place the strict hygiene protocols pupils and staff were familiar with before the lockdown.

We will also be adhering to the Scottish Government's advice on face coverings, which has recently been strengthened. This requires face coverings to be worn throughout the day by all staff and *all* secondary aged pupils, unless a pupil is exempt.

Two metre physical distancing will apply within school buildings, between pupils, between pupils and staff, and between staff.

We will also be providing Covid-19 testing kits to senior pupils and staff who wish to participate in the NHS Covid-19 asymptomatic testing programme. A separate email has previously been sent to parents of senior pupils regarding this and we would encourage you to return your consent form to the school.

There is a lot of information to take in, so, as always, if you have any further questions please don't hesitate to get in touch through this email address and telephone number, or contact tutors directly.

We know that this is by no means a return to normality for any of us, but at least it is a step in that direction, and we are very much looking forward to seeing everyone in school again.

Kind regards

Staff at Dunedin School