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**Head Teacher**  
Jonathan Graham

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **NEW SESSION AUGUST 2021**

I trust that you and your families have had a pleasant summer holiday, and have been able to make the most of the fabulous weather we have enjoyed. We are now finalising our plans for the return of pupils on 16 August. This will be the first of a number of letters that I will be issuing over the coming week to ensure that every one is fully informed.

#### **COVID: Beyond level 0**

The first minister has announced that we will move to the new level from Monday 9 August. However, in schools many existing safety measures will remain in place until the September weekend, at which point they will be reviewed.

I can confirm that all staff and pupils will still be required to wear face masks, and our one-way system will remain in place. There have been changes to the rules for self-isolation and the school's role in 'track and trace' routines. The restrictions surrounding Drama, Music and PE have also been removed. We are currently reviewing our risk assessment, and I will provide further updates on this, and what this means in practice, in early course.

#### **Timetables**

All pupils will receive their timetables by post next week. However, copies will be available in school on the first day also. As there will no longer be any Tutor Time, I will advise arrangements for the first day before next 16 August.

#### **New school day**

Please remember our new school day timings, which can be found on the back of this letter. Every day starts with period 1 at 8:50am, and every day will end at 3:15pm.

#### **School uniform**

School uniform helps promote equity, engenders a sense of belonging and a work ethic, and helps us maintain school security. For these reasons, I am a very strong believer in it. When buying items for school uniform next session, please consult our uniform policy guide beforehand (available [here](#)). This gives helpful guidance on what is, and is not, in keeping with school uniform. This will prevent avoidable disagreements arising next session.

#### **SQA Results**

Senior phase pupils will receive their results from the SQA on Tuesday 10 August. It is my expectation that the result will be exactly as per the estimates submitted in June, and therefore pupils should not be surprised next Tuesday. Pupils may need support following the publication of results, perhaps to change subjects for next session. This will be available in school next week. I will provide specific details about this tomorrow.



We are very much looking forward to the start of the new session and to welcoming the young people back to Eastbank Academy. For our new S1 pupils, we're looking forward to you joining the school community. We hope for an uninterrupted year, free of lock-downs and school closures.

I will be back in touch with further details soon.

Yours faithfully,



Jonathan Graham  
Head Teacher

### The school day

- Every day starts with period 1 at 08:50am;
- There are seven periods every day;
- Morning break (15 mins) starts at 11:10am;
- Lunchtime starts at 1:05pm;
- The pupil day ends at 3:15pm every day.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
0850 - 0940	1	1	1	1	1
0940 - 1025	2	2	2	2	2
1025 - 1110	3	3	3	3	3
1110 - 1125	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
1125 - 1215	4	4	4	4	4
1215 - 1305	5	5	5	5	5
1305 - 1345	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1345 - 1430	6	6	6	6	6
1430 - 1515	7	7	7	7	7

