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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **SUMMER TERM 2021**

I hope everyone had a pleasant holiday and that you and your families remain safe and well. As expected, on 6 April the Scottish Government confirmed that all pupils will return to full-time, in-person learning from Tuesday 20 April. I write to provide some detail regarding our arrangements for the pupil return.

### **Pupils arrival at school**

To minimise movement within the school, pupils will not be admitted to the building before the start of the day. Pupils will muster at the designated area five minutes before the start of their session. Each year group will then be invited into the building via the designated entry point. The muster and entry points for pupils in S1-S4 are as follows:

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Muster point</u></b>	<b><u>Entry point</u></b>
S1	Astroturf pitch	Main door at 08:45
S2	Astroturf pitch	Main door at 08:50
S3	Red blaze pitch	Doors adjacent to music at 08:50
S4	Back playground	Via concourse doors adjacent to the stage at 08:50

Pupils in S5/6 will not attend tutor time at 08:50, but will be admitted at 9:00am and proceed directly to their period one class. The muster and entry points for S5/6 pupils are as follows:

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Muster point</u></b>	<b><u>Entry point</u></b>
S5	Astroturf pitch (Gelston Road end)	Main door at 09:00 (directly to P1 class)
S6	Astroturf pitch (Gelston Road end)	Main door at 09:00 (directly to P1 class)

### **Face masks**

All staff and pupils are required to wear masks in class and in communal areas such as corridors, concourse, bases, although some will be exempt. The level of cooperation with masks was excellent in March, and I'd be grateful for your continued support in ensuring young people arrive at school equipped with a mask. Can I also ask for your help in ensuring that facemasks do not appear to contain football colours or contain football badges, especially those associated with the 'Old Firm'.

### **Hand hygiene**

All members of the school community will continue to sanitise hands on entry to the building and to classrooms. Every pupil will be provided with a small bottle of hand gel for their personal use, and dispensers will also be available in classes, at entry points, and around the school.

### **Physical Education**

Our PE changing rooms will not be in use for the time being. Pupils who have PE on a particular day should attend in PE kit. This should be the standard PE kit and not sports or leisure wear of their choice. Pupils who do not have PE on a particular day must wear normal school uniform.



### **Staying hydrated**

As we are now entering the summer period it is important that young people remain hydrated. Pupils should remember to bring a bottle of water to school, and should avoid consuming energy drinks.

### **Timetables**

Pupils will follow the timetables that were in effect from August – December, and not the blended learning timetables from March. A new paper copy of timetables will be issued to pupils on Tuesday at tutor time. Separate arrangements will be made to issue timetables to S5/6 pupils.

### **Exiting the school building**

At the end of a morning or afternoon session, pupils will be directed down stairs as swiftly as possible and then be guided to the nearest exit. Pupils who want to meet family or friends outside school should be aware that they may not be able to exit the building via their preferred door.

### **School lunches**

These will be available from the fuel zone. While no hot food will be served, sandwiches will be available those young people who receive free meals, as well as for those pupils whose parents have purchased a lunch. Please note that lunches, other than free meals, must be paid for **in advance** by **bank transfer**. No cash payments will be accepted, and details for making payments were issued previously.

### **Asymptomatic Covid-19 Testing Programme**

The Scottish Government have implemented an Asymptomatic Testing Programme, which allows staff and pupils who are attending school to be tested regularly for Covid-19. This is part of a package of Covid-19 risk mitigations in schools across Scotland, and participation is voluntary. All pupils attending Eastbank Academy are eligible to take part. If you would like to receive more information on the testing programme then please complete the attached form [here](#). Please note that, at this stage, you are only requesting further information. You are not agreeing for your son/daughter to take part.

### **SQA Assessments**

A reminder that these will begin from Monday 26 April for pupils in S4, 5 and 6. A short video explaining our approach and timeline can be found [here](#). While attendance and punctuality are always important, it will be especially crucial at this time that pupils attend every day and arrive on time for school and for lessons.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all our young people back to school. This will be a very busy term, and will perhaps be unlike normal summer terms. However, with hard work, focus and cooperation we can ensure that it will be a successful one. When the summer holidays arrive, as they will very soon, we can feel that we've earned them. I look forward to working with you all in the coming term.

Yours faithfully,



Jonathan Graham  
**Head Teacher**

