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Dear Parents and Carers,

NEW SESSION AUGUST 2021

I trust you and your families are well, and that young people have been enjoying the last few days of the summer holidays. We are looking forward to the new term and to welcoming the young people back to school on Monday. I write with some more detail to help you prepare for the return.

Arrival at school

As we are continuing with our COVID mitigations, we will be controlling entry to the building in the morning as we did last session. On arrival pupils should assemble in the area designated for their year group. On the bell they will enter the school by the designated door which will be manned by their Year Head. S1 pupils will be guided in. Pupils should assemble and enter as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Muster point</u>	<u>Entry point</u>
S1	Astroturf pitch	Main door
S2	Astroturf pitch	Main door
S3	Red blaze pitch	Doors adjacent to music
S4	Back playground	via concourse doors adjacent to the stage
S5	Astroturf pitch (Gelston Road end)	Middle stair well
S6	Astroturf pitch (Gelston Road end)	Middle stair well

S1 first day information

We look forward to welcoming our new S1 pupils on Monday. On the first day and early into the new term we will take extra precautions to ensure S1 pupils will be looked after very carefully to help them settle in and navigate around the school. During the first few weeks S1 pupils will leave class five minutes early before interval and lunch to gather in the concourse. This will provide them with a chance to meet with friends from other classes before being escorted outside to the playground when the bell rings. At the end of break and lunch pupils will gather in their classes within the playground to be escorted to class.

Teachers will issue welcome packs and Q cards to all pupils during the first period on Monday. They will be brought down in small groups to be shown how to operate their Q card. They will also receive a new P.E. t-shirt during their first day.

I am confident that our new first years will have a successful first week and will settle in well at Eastbank Academy.

iPads

Pupils in S2 and above have iPads. These should be brought to school, fully charged, with all other necessary equipment. S1 pupils will receive their iPads soon.

Lockers

All pupils will have access to a locker, and arrangements will be made to allocate these in early course. As advised before the holiday, all lockers were emptied during the holidays. Pupils who left belongings in their lockers last session will be able to collect them up to the September weekend.



School uniform

A reminder that pupils should come to school in school uniform. Our changing rooms will be in use and those pupils who have PE should attend in school uniform and change into kit at the appropriate period. **Pupils must not come to school wearing their PE kit.** Our uniform policy can be found [here](#).

Lateral flow COVID tests

All staff and pupils are encouraged to undertake twice weekly Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing at home, and can collect kits from the school office. In June I wrote to suggest taking LFD kits home to allow testing to take place in the holiday prior to pupils returning to school. For those who did, I recommend taking a test on Sunday or Monday morning.

SQA results

Congratulations to our pupils in last year's S4, S5, and S6 on their excellent SQA results. Our young people worked incredibly hard in extremely difficult circumstances, and deserve credit for their achievements. I'm grateful to the Eastbank staff for supporting them through these assessments.

Facemasks

A gentle reminder to ensure that your child comes to school equipped with a mask. Re-usable ones are more robust and long lasting than the disposable paper ones. Ideally, each pupil will bring a mask and a spare to school.

COVID Contact Tracing

There have been changes made to how contact tracing will operate. Please see recent letters from Maureen McKenna and the Director of Public Health which were sent yesterday.

Previous letters

These can be found on our school website [here](#).

I bid everyone a splendid weekend and look forward to seeing our young people for the new session on Monday morning.

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

