

Braeview Academy

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Dear parent or carer,

Welcome back!

Following the recent directive from the Scottish Government, arrangements have been put in place to welcome back to the school building, Senior Phase pupils undertaking National Qualifications and S1-S3 on a limited basis, between 15 March and 1 April.

To manage the Covid19- related health and safety restrictions within which we are having to work, the approach taken by the school is one of blended learning. This enables pupils to experience time in school and time at home undertaking remote learning.

The timetable for in-school learning has been designed to maximise opportunities for face-to face learning and to encompass health and safety regulations as well as the school's individual context.

The health and safety regulation of 2 metres social distancing means that the number of pupils, class teachers and Support for Learning staff that can be accommodated in each portakabin classroom, laboratory and practical workshop is limited. As a result, we have had to increase the number of teaching sections, but with the same number of staff.

In-keeping with Scottish Government instruction, priority for in school face-to-face learning has had to be given to Senior Phase pupils undertaking National Qualifications this session.

The hub for the children of key workers and our vulnerable young people remains in operation and teachers will also be allocated to work with youngsters there on a rota basis.

All of the above serves to limit the number of in- school learning sessions that the school can provide.

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Despite these challenges, we have managed to arrange for all S4-S6 pupils to attend school for either a morning or afternoon session every day, pupils in S1 and S3 to attend school for face -to- face learning for two sessions per week and pupils in S2 to attend in school for one session per week.

All young people are required to wear school uniform.

To keep arrangements as simple and straightforward as possible, pupils will attend by House group (Discovery, Law or McManus 1 or McManus 2). Parents will receive a text message to indicate which House group their child is in.

Arrangements are as follows:

Senior Phase (S4-S6)

- ✓ A combination of at home remote learning and face-to-face in- school learning
- ✓ Every Senior Phase pupil will attend for either a morning or afternoon session every day and cover all subject national qualifications
- ✓ On arrival at the top of the brae of the first time, pupils will be directed to a specific room, where they will receive their timetable.
- ✓ Their designated times in school will be according to their House Group (Discovery, Law, McManus 1 or McManus 2)
- ✓ Morning sessions Monday- Friday: 9.30 am- 11.45am
- ✓ Afternoon sessions Monday- Friday: 12.45pm- 2.50pm
- ✓ Young people who need additional support to meet SQA assessment requirements will be required to attend additional 30- minute targeted support sessions at the end of each morning and afternoon session.
The morning targeted support session Monday- Friday is 11.45am-12.15pm and the afternoon targeted support session Monday- Wednesday only is 2.50pm- 3.20pm. Pupils will be informed by their own teacher and parents by text message.
- ✓ To maintain 2m social distancing is observed, there will be no morning interval. Pupils should bring a morning snack /water with them, to have during class. Water will be provided. Toilet access is available during lessons
- ✓ No school lunch will be provided, so pupils must have their lunch at home
- ✓ Pupils should be made aware that there may be no school crossing patrol at start and finish times and they should take responsibility for crossing the roads safely, both on their way to and home from school

S1

- ✓ Will continue with digital learning, along with opportunities to check in with their teachers by Teams/email during the week.
- ✓ In recognition that S1s did not experience a full transition from primary, they will attend for 2 x half days in school, to undertake health and wellbeing and some subject work.
- ✓ On arrival at the top of the brae of the first time, pupils will be directed to a specific room, where they will receive their timetable.
- ✓ They will attend according to the House (Discovery, Law, McManus 1 or McManus 2)
- ✓ Morning sessions Monday- Friday: 9.30 am- 11.45am
- ✓ Afternoon sessions Monday- Friday: 12.45pm- 2.50pm
- ✓ No school lunches will be provided, so pupils must have their lunch at home
- ✓ To maintain 2m social distancing is observed, there will be no morning interval. Pupils should bring a morning snack /water with them, to have during class. Water will be provided. Toilet access is available during lessons

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S2

- ✓ Will continue with digital learning with opportunities to check in with their teachers by Teams /email during the week.
- ✓ 1 x half day in school per week, according to the House (Discovery, Law, McManus 1 or McManus 2), with a focus on health and wellbeing and re-connecting with staff and peers
- ✓ On arrival at the top of the brae of the first time, pupils will be directed to a specific room, where they will receive their timetable.
- ✓ Morning sessions Monday- Friday: Period 1 9.30 am- 11.45am
- ✓ Afternoon sessions Monday- Friday: 12.45pm- 2.50pm
- ✓ No school lunches will be provided, so pupils must have their lunch at home
- ✓ To maintain 2m social distancing is observed, there will be no morning interval. Pupils should bring a morning snack /water with them, to have during class. Water will be provided. Toilet access is available during lessons
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S3

- ✓ Will continue with digital learning, along with opportunities to check in with their teachers by Teams/email during the week.
- ✓ In order to undertake preparatory work for their move into the Senior Phase, they will have 2 x half days in school, according to the House (Discovery, Law, McManus 1 or McManus 2)
- ✓ On arrival at the top of the brae of the first time, pupils will be directed to a specific room, where they will receive their timetable.
- ✓ Morning sessions Monday- Friday: 9.30 am- 11.45am

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- ✓ Afternoon sessions Monday- Friday: 12.45pm- 2.50pm
- ✓ No school lunches will be provided, so pupils must have their lunch at home
- ✓ To maintain 2m social distancing is observed, there will be no morning interval. Pupils should bring a morning snack /water with them, to have during class. Water will be provided. Toilet access is available during lessons
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Timetabled in-school sessions S1-S6

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
AM 9.30am- 11.45am	PM 12.45pm- 2.50pm	AM 9.30am- 11.45am	PM 12.45pm- 2.50pm	AM 9.30am- 11.45am	PM 12.45pm- 2.50pm	AM 9.30am- 11.45am	PM 12.45pm- 2.50pm	AM 9.30am- 11.45am	PM 12.45pm-2.50pm
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S1 Discovery and McManus 2	S1 Law & McManus 1	S2 Discovery and McManus 2	S2 Law & McManus 1	S3 Discovery & McManus 2	S3 Law & McManus 1	S1 Discovery and McManus 2	S1 Law & McManus 1	S3 Discovery & McManus 2	S3 Law & McManus 1

Each day has been split into 4 periods:

AM	Period 1 9.30-10.35am
	Period 2 10.40- 11.45am
PM	Period 3 12.45pm- 1.45pm
	Period 4 1.50pm-2.50pm

The in-school hub for the children of key workers and for our vulnerable youngsters will remain in place and young people should arrive at 8.45am. Young people at the hub can continue to pre-order their lunch and this will be delivered to them in the usual way.

Key Workers still requiring a place for their child must complete the parents and carers' online survey which is out and on the school website today, **by 12 noon on Friday 12 March.**

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Pupil Support staff will continue to check-in with identified pupils and families, as has been the case.

Strict Health and Safety. In order to protect loved ones and the vulnerable in our community from Covid19 pupils:

- ✓ On arrival in class, all pupils will receive a presentation on health and safety and will have the opportunity to have any questions answered.
- ✓ S4-S6 pupils must conduct lateral flow tests twice weekly (Sundays and Wednesdays) to ensure that they do not bring Covid19 into the school.
- ✓ On arrival at the top of the school brae, all pupils, unless they are exempt, must comply with the wearing of face coverings/masks **at all times**. This includes all areas inside and around the building, including the portakabin pathway.
- ✓ Pupils must follow the one-way system in the building and on the portakabin pathway
- ✓ Pupils must take responsibility for ensuring they 2m distance from other pupils and staff **at all times**.
- ✓ Pupils must ensure that they sanitise hands regularly and wipe down their desk and all school equipment at the end of each period
- ✓ Staff will ensure that learning areas are very well ventilated at all times. Pupils can keep jackets on in class if they feel cold.
- ✓ For P.E strict protocols are in place to mitigate against Covid transmission: outdoor individual activities only (athletics), high teacher: pupil ratio for supervision purposes, fully ventilated and limited numbers in changing facilities, enabling more than 2m distancing, mask wearing and full wipe down.

Please see the school website for the full rationale that underpins the above arrangements.

The Covid19 pandemic continues to be a highly challenging time for pupils, their families and school staff alike.

Covid19 health and safety restrictions mean that we could not have all of our young people back in the building as much as we would have liked.

We recognise that these arrangements are not ideal and thank you for your understanding regarding this matter.

Every young person in the Braeview Academy family matters to us. We very much look forward to welcoming each and every one of our young people back to Braeview Academy school building from 19 April.

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We are here to help. Take care and stay safe.

Ms L Elder

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucy Elder', written in a cursive style.

Head Teacher