



HOLY ROOD RC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

Following the letter sent yesterday by Alistair Gaw, we can now share our arrangements for the safe return of pupils to Holy Rood from Wednesday 12 August 2020.

S1 and S2 pupils will attend on Wednesday 12 August from 8.40am until 3.50pm.

S3 and S4 pupils will attend on Thursday 13 August from 8.40am until 3.25pm.

S5 and S6 pupils will attend on Friday 14th August from 8.40am until 12.15pm.

S1-S6 pupils will all attend full time from week beginning 17 August.

Important Information

- S1 parents/carers will be notified of your child's Tutor Group via email on Monday 10 August. School staff will be on hand to welcome S1 pupils on their first day and guide them to the correct location.
- S2 – S5 pupils should report to their Tutor Class on arrival.
- S6 pupils will be informed of their Tutor Group on Tuesday 11 August via email.

Please ensure that your child checks his/her school email for this information

Due to the high numbers of pupils arriving by school bus, there will be no staggered start or finish times. We will be operating a reduced canteen service at lunch time. To save queuing, you may wish to provide your child with a packed lunch.

Arrangements for PE will be clarified next week, following guidance issued by Education Scotland. In line with the Scottish Government Guidelines, all PE provision will be planned to take place outdoors unless inclement weather means this is not practical. Information regarding PE kit will be communicated to pupils in due course.

No parent should pick up or drop off their child in the school car park. Parents are also asked to assist by not parking close to the school. Please park away from the immediate entrance to the school gates to avoid overcrowding. School buses will operate as normal, with the exception of the Leith bus. I await further information on this and will be in touch with those parents by email when I have more information to share.

You are respectfully reminded that due to the current circumstances, access for parent and carers will be restricted to maintain the safety of everyone and will be by appointment/invitation only. If you wish to arrange a phone appointment with your child's Year Head, or if you have a query, please contact the school.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back to Holy Rood and meeting S1 pupils for the first time. All pupils will engage in a full induction programme which will include important messages regarding health and safety. We would like to share with you some of the enhanced health and safety measures in order that you can discuss these with your children:

- Risk Assessments will be completed for pupils returning to school
- Hand sanitisers will be available at all entrances and throughout the school
- Enhanced cleaning will be in operation
- Clear signage will be on display throughout the building as reminders to pupils
- Pupils are not expected to wear face masks in school (but may do so if they wish)
- Face masks are required on public transport

We will keep arrangements under review to ensure that pupils benefit from the best possible learning experience in a safe environment. Pupils will be given the opportunity to reconnect with their peers and teachers and establish positive ways of reintegrating into purposeful learning, whilst being supported to catch up on any missed learning and/or consolidate their understanding.

Your child's health and wellbeing is paramount. As well as planned sessions to assist your child's transition back to school, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate Year Head if you have any concerns or wish to pass on any important information which will help us support your child to the best of our ability.

School Uniform

A reminder that our smart school uniform is an outward sign of the pride pupils have in our school, helps to maintain high standards and presents a very positive image of the school and our strong school ethos. **We expect all pupils to wear full school uniform.** Blazers will be available in school for S5 and S6 pupils on 14 August at a cost of £40 each (£10 if your child receives a free school meal). We have a limited number of good quality second hand blazers available for £10. Please ensure that your child knows his/her chest size.

A reminder of our shared expectations:

- Plain black school (not fashion) skirt or trousers
- Black jumper/cardigan (no logos)
- White school shirt/blouse (i.e. with a collar)
- School tie* Available from school reception (£5 each)
- Plain black footwear, preferably shoes (no white or other coloured markings (footwear should be appropriate for school)
- Dark outer jacket/coat (Blazers for S5/6)

*All new S1 pupils will receive a Holy Rood school tie as a welcome gift from us. If you haven't already done so, please collect your child's tie from our school reception on Monday 10 August between 10.00am - 12.00pm or 1.00pm-3.00pm.

Thank you for your continued support with our school uniform.

Finally, your help would be appreciated in reminding your child of the importance of respectful behaviour in his/her interactions with peers and staff.

We very much look forward to seeing our young people once again next week!

Your sincerely

Joan Daly
Head Teacher

