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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well and have had a restful break. We are looking forward to welcoming our young people back on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August and starting a school year that will hopefully start to resemble normality as we head towards October.

This letter contains information about our arrangements for returning to school and an update on some upcoming events. However, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Our school community is stronger than ever despite the restrictions and disruption caused by Covid-19.

Our young people have achieved outstanding SQA results for the third year in a row and our school roll has increased from 740 to 955 in three years. I am confident our fantastic young people will thrive this year and we will continue to go from strength to strength.

### **Timings of the School Day**

The timings of our school day are below. These timings reflect the changes announced in June.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30-2.30	8.30-2.30	8.30-3.20	8.30-3.20	8.30-2.30

### **Bus Timetables**

Please follow the link below to see the new bus timetables for this session.

<https://www.clacks.gov.uk/site/documents/schools/schoolbustimetables/>

If you have any questions about the bus timetable or bus arrangements please contact Transport on 01786 237800.

## School Uniform

Thank you to all parents who have ensured that pupils continue to have perfect uniform. I would ask that blazers continue to be worn in the school building.

- White shirt/blouse
- School tie
- Blazer (White braiding optional for all S5 & S6 pupils)
- Black jumper/cardigan (no hooded tops)
- Black skirt/Full length dress trousers (no leggings, jeans or tracksuit bottoms)
- All black shoes/trainers (no trainers with coloured laces/soles/toes etc)



## First Day

On arrival at school your child will be met by a member of staff who will direct them to a specific area of the hub/building. Our new S1 pupils will be accompanied by senior pupils. Supervised hygiene protocols will continue to be in place and young people will be asked to wear face coverings unless they are exempt.

Each year group will be told where to go to receive their new timetables when the school day begins. When they arrive in class they will be shown a short induction presentation by their teacher.

The induction will provide each pupil with information on:

- Social Distancing (as per up to date government advice)
- Wearing face coverings
- Hygiene procedures (as per up to date government advice)
- Reminder of the one way system being used in corridors
- Registration
- Fire evacuation
- Procedures for pupils feeling unwell
- Behaviour expectations
- Break and lunch arrangements
- Using equipment in classes

## Lateral Flow Testing

Just to remind you that we do have a stock of Lateral Flow Testing kits available to all young people. If you have not completed a permission form for your child and you wish them to participate, please contact the school office and we can make arrangements for a kit to be picked up.

## School Lunches

School meals will continue to be ordered online. We hope to have a full school meal menu up and running as soon as restrictions ease. In the meantime please continue to order online and ensure that there are funds available in your child's ParentPay account.

Young people who do not wish a school meal are welcome to bring in a packed lunch. All pupils must stay on the school campus during lunch and morning break.

Please follow the link below to place your child's lunch order. Please complete by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August. As we go through the term please submit your orders by the Sunday before the school week begins.

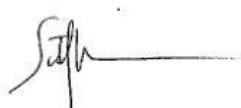
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## Communication

If you have any questions about the details of this letter please contact your child's year head at [alva@edu.clacks.gov.uk](mailto:alva@edu.clacks.gov.uk)

Head of S1 & S2	Mrs Brown
Head of S3 & S4	Mr Forrester
Head of S5 & S6	Mr McDowall

Yours faithfully



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