



11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Phase 2: The Return to in-school learning from 15<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Further to the First Minister's announcement on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, we are really looking forward to welcoming all of our young people back to school over the course of next week.

Within Kelso High School, our rationale for the return to in-school learning follows the Scottish Government guidelines:

- Young people within the Senior Phase will be our priority for in-school learning. This will ensure that they have a secure foundation and course coverage prior to any assessment for a range of qualifications taking place in the later stages of the 2020/21 academic session.
- To ensure we follow our enhanced Health & Safety protocols, we have allocated separate days for BGE and Senior Phase.
- To allow our young people within S3 to prepare for their transition to Senior Phase, we have planned a timetable that will enable each of our learners to work within the 8 key curricular areas over 1.5 days per week.
- Our young people within S1 and S2 will be supported to reconnect with the school community. We will have focus on literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing.
- The plans for remote learning will continue including the use of the national e-learning offer. The remote delivery for S1 and S2 will provide our youngsters with the opportunities to continue to make progress in each subject area.

Young people from S4-S6 are invited to attend school on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Young people within S1-S3 are invited to attend school on a Thursday and Friday.

All our young people will receive individual information on what subject to attend, when and in which learning space.

Monday - Wednesday	All S4 – S6	Pre-booked children of Key Workers
Thursday - Friday	All S1-S3	

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Additional arrangements are as follows:

- All hygiene protocols which were in place prior to Christmas must still be followed.
- Young people must bring a face covering and wear it at all times when inside the building (including classrooms) unless they have a medical exemption.
- Lateral Flow Test kits can be collected from reception by S4-6 pupils. Those aged 16 and over may sign their own consent form but those under 16 require parental consent.
- School transport will run as normal. Our timetable has been devised to ensure that on any given day each school bus is less than half full to maintain the current social distancing requirements.
- Pupils must adhere to 2m physical distancing inside the building, including when accessing the canteen during breaks and lunchtimes. Where possible, lunch should be eaten outside.
- Young people may leave the school at lunchtime to purchase food however they must follow national guidance for public places/shops.
- Our canteen will be open to all, however it is expected that it may not be possible to offer full menu.
- School uniform should be worn by all our young people.
- We will be enhancing the use of our outdoor spaces, therefore recommend that all our young people dress appropriately for the weather.
- As increased ventilation is still in place, it is a good idea for young people to wear layers as the temperature may vary throughout the day.
- Young people should not car share.

It is vital, as a school community, that we do all in our power to minimise the opportunities for transmission of COVID and keep everyone associated with our school as safe as possible. This also gives us the best chance of welcoming a full-time return for all pupils at the earliest opportunity.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office.

Parent Council Chairs also meet weekly with members of the SBC Education Team. If you would like to raise something through this forum please email [KHSParentCouncil@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:KHSParentCouncil@scotborders.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,



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