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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **PUPIL RETURN – AUGUST 2020**

I hope that you and your family are healthy and well at this time.

I write to provide more detail on arrangements for pupils returning to school in August. All the information I have is based on current knowledge and may change at any point throughout the summer. I will alert you as soon as I can if changes become necessary.

#### **Return to School**

Teachers will return on Monday 10 August 2020. This day and Tuesday 11 August will be in-service days and no pupils will attend. Pupil return will be phased across Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week as detailed below.

As you are already aware our attendance model for August will be:

- Senior Phase (S4, 5 and 6) will attend every day from 9:00am until noon.
- BGE Phase (S1, 2 and 3) will attend every day from 1:00pm until 3:30pm, (3:00pm finish on Friday).

#### **First day for Pupils**

Pupils' first day of school that week will be dependent on their year group and will be as follows:

- S1 (afternoon) and S4 (Morning) will return on Wednesday 12 August;
- S2 (afternoon) and S5 (Morning) will return on Thursday 13 August;
- S3 (afternoon) and S6 (Morning) will return on Friday 14 August.

Pupils should continue to attend daily after their first day at school.

#### **Pupil entry to the building**

To ensure we can bring pupils into the building in a safe manner in line with physical distancing regulations, pupils will not be able to enter the building until brought in by a member of staff. I therefore require pupils to assemble in the school grounds in year groups as follows:

- **Morning blocks**
  - S4pupils should enter by Academy Street and report to the red blaze area between Academy House and the astroturf pitch;
  - S5 Pupils should enter by Amulree street and report to the playground area between the red blaze pitch and the bike hut;
  - S6 should enter via Gelston Street and report to the red blaze area adjacent to the astroturf pitch and the back gate.
- **Afternoon blocks**
  - S1 pupils should enter by Academy Street and report to the red blaze area between Academy House and the astroturf pitch;
  - S2 Pupils should enter by Amulree street and report to the playground area between the red blaze pitch and the bike hut;

- S3 should enter via Gelston Street and report to the red blaze area adjacent to the astroturf pitch and the back gate.

Pupils will continue to assemble at these points each day, and we will refine our muster and entry procedures on an on-going basis. Pupils must ensure that they respect physical distancing as they assemble and enter the building.

### **Lunches**

For senior phase pupils the cafeteria will provide a packed lunch for pupils who are entitled to a free school meal at 12 noon every day. Pupils can collect this as they leave.

BGE pupils who are entitled to a free meal will be brought into the Fuel Zone at 12:45 to receive their lunch prior to afternoon lessons commencing.

### **Breaks**

Teaching blocks are 3 hours for S4-6 and 2.5 hours for S1-3. There will not be formal breaks within each teaching block but pupils will move between classes at the end of each period.

### **Snacks/Refreshments**

There will be no access to vending machines or water coolers. Pupils are encouraged to bring water with them.

### **Toilets**

Pupils who need to access toilets during a teaching block will be allowed to do so with teacher permission. Numbers in toilets will be controlled by staff

### **Safety**

Pupils should not attend school if they are displaying symptoms related to COVID19. Should your child or a member of your household test positive for COVID 19 please follow the government advice regarding isolation, and inform your son/daughter's Head of Year or Pastoral Care teacher. To ensure the safety of all it is important that all pupils:

- Respect 2m social distancing at all times;
- Practise good hygiene;
- Avoid touching their face;
- Catch coughs or sneezes in a hankie or on their sleeve;
- Follow the signed one way system in corridors;
- Avoid gatherings in the playground or social areas before and after school;
- Use the designated entry point in the building to reach class;
- Leave the building and playground as quickly as possible after a teaching block.

### **Uniform**

All pupils are expected to wear uniform. If any pupil is attending for Physical Education they should come to school in their PE kit to avoid the use of changing rooms. School ties and PE tops for those who wish to buy will be available from the school office and I will advise when these can be purchased at a later date. A leaflet containing full details of our uniform was issued recently and can be found at <http://eastbankacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Uniform-leaflet.pdf>.

In brief, our school uniform consists of:

- White shirt
- Black trousers/Skirt
- Black Shoes or completely black trainers
- School tie
- School bag
- Black blazer
- Plain black V-neck jumper

### **School Bags**

All pupils should bring a schoolbag with all necessary equipment. Equipment should not be shared with other pupils. Use of lockers will be discouraged in the short term.

### **School trips**

A number of school trips had to be cancelled this year. I am pleased to say we have been promised that all monies will be refunded. Therefore, every pupil who was due to attend these trips will have their payments refunded. I am not yet in possession of all refunds, and am therefore not yet in a position to pass these on to families. I will do so as soon as possible.

### **SQA Results**

Current Senior Phase pupils should receive their results on Tuesday 4 August 2020. Some pupils may want or need to change their options in light of their results. To facilitate this we will be holding 'results clinic' interviews on Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 August. I will communicate further about this during the holiday.

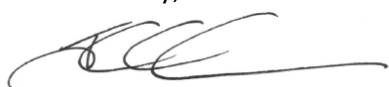
### **Useful contact details**

The following PTPCs and DHT year Heads were in place for session 2019/2020, and I remind you of their contact details below.

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| Burns House PTPC             | Ms McAulay            | <a href="mailto:Gw10mcaulaykaren@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk">Gw10mcaulaykaren@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk</a>   |
| Livingstone House PTPC       | Mrs Miller            | <a href="mailto:Gw10millermaria1@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk">Gw10millermaria1@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk</a>   |
| Somerville House PTPC        | Mr Pert               | <a href="mailto:Gw10pertmaurice@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk">Gw10pertmaurice@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk</a>   |
| Telford House PTPC           | Ms Morrison           | <a href="mailto:Gw10morrisonlisa@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk">Gw10morrisonlisa@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk</a>   |
| S5 and S6 Pastoral Care PTPC | Ms De Rosa<br>Mrs Sim | <a href="mailto:Gw10derosapaola@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk">Gw10derosapaola@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk</a><br><a href="mailto:Gw13simcara@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk">Gw13simcara@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk</a> |
| First Year DHT               | Mrs Gray              | <a href="mailto:Gw18grayelizabeth@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk">Gw18grayelizabeth@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk</a>   |
| Second Year DHT              | Mrs Brooks            | <a href="mailto:Gw10brooksanne@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk">Gw10brooksanne@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk</a>   |
| Third Year DHT               | Mr Dunsmore           | <a href="mailto:Gw07dunsmoregavin@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk">Gw07dunsmoregavin@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk</a>   |
| Fourth and Fifth Year DHT    | Mr Millar             | <a href="mailto:Gw10millargreig@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk">Gw10millargreig@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk</a>   |
| Sixth Year HT                | Mr Graham             | <a href="mailto:Gw10grahamjonathan@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk">Gw10grahamjonathan@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk</a>   |

Once again I would like to thank all parents and families for supporting myself and the staff over this academic session. I trust that you and your families will remain safe and healthy over the summer break and I am really looking forward to welcoming our children back to school. I also hope to see you as soon as it is safe to do so.

Yours faithfully,



Jonathan Graham  
**Head Teacher**