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Dear Parents/Carers,

NEW SESSION: AUGUST 2020

I hope that you and your families remain safe and well, and that you have managed to enjoy a break of some kind this summer. As you are aware, the blended model for learning that I issued in June will no longer operate, and all young people will be returning to school full-time from next week.

Phased return

Our young people will return to school as part of a phased programme as follows:

- S1 and S4 Wednesday 12th at 08:50 (and every day thereafter)
- S2 and S3 Thursday 13th at 08:50 (and every day thereafter)
- S5 and S6 Friday 14th at 08:50 (and every day thereafter)

Pupils will enter through the designated entrance and go directly to their tutor rooms at 08:50 each day. These will be communicated to you soon. The timings of the school day will remain unchanged. The school day will begin at 8.50am and end at 3.50pm (Mon and Wed) and 3.00pm (Tue, Thu, Fri). Pupils should also leave by the designated exit point (to follow).

Uniform and equipment

It is our expectation that, with your support, pupils should return to school in full school uniform with appropriately equipped school bags. Pupils should not be sharing equipment such as pens and pencils.

Movement in and around the school

We will have a one-way system in place and it is crucial that pupils adhere to and follow this. This will be clearly publicised with clear signage to ensure there is no doubt or confusion. Pupils will be encouraged to follow physical distance guidelines within the school building and grounds.

Learning and Teaching

Pupils in all year groups will follow a full timetable including all activities involved in PE. The PE changing rooms will be in use, and therefore pupils should **bring** kit to school to change into during PE lessons. PE kit should not be worn to school. Pupil timetables will be issued to them when they return to school.

Morning breaks and lunchtime

Pupils should spend break and lunch outdoors as much as possible, and should avoid congregating closely in large groups. As far as possible, pupils should remain with their own year groups. We are considering assigning year groups to particular zones around the school. More details about this will be issued to pupils next week. If pupils leave the school grounds at lunchtime they must remember to respect physical distancing and other hygiene guidelines when in the community and in local shops.

Catering

The Fuel Zone will be serving lunch only during the first week back. Pupils may therefore need to bring snacks to school. From Monday 17 August breakfasts and break-time snacks will also be available. The Fuel Zone will not be accepting cash or Q-cards. For those who pay for lunches payments will need to be made electronically. Separate information about this will follow in early course. Those pupils who receive free meals will not be affected.

Hygiene

Pupils are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitisers into school for personal use as far as possible. In addition, there will be hand sanitiser stations located in and around the school, and staff will provide access to hand sanitisers and wipes in classrooms. There is no need for pupils to wear a mask. Pupils should also remember to exercise good hygiene practice in relation to litter, coughs, sneezes, tissues etc.

General Health

Pupils who display any symptoms of COVID should be kept at home. These symptoms to watch for are:

- High temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

Parents should follow NHS advice and must inform the school of any positive COVID tests.

Should a pupil begin to display symptoms consistent with COVID during the school day they will be kept in isolation and parent will be contacted to arrange for the pupil to go home. Please ensure contact details are up to date and that someone is available.

Extra-Curricular Activities

There will be no extra-curricular activities at lunchtime or after school until further notice. School trips are also on hold.

School trip refunds

We will arrange to have refunds paid for the trips to France and Tenerife as soon as possible once pupils return.

Contact details

Contact details for the relevant key staff are shown below. Pastoral care staff should be your first point of contact for any advice/information relating to support for your child.

Burns House	Ms McAulay	Gw10mcaulaykaren@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
Livingstone House	Mrs Miller	Gw10millermaria1@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
Somerville House	Mr Pert	Gw10pertmaurice@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
Telford House	Ms Morrison	Gw10morrisonlisa@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
Dalziel House	Ms Looker	gw16lookerlois@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

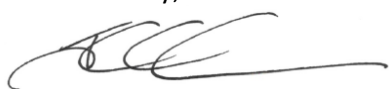
School app

We now have a fully functioning school app which will become the main mechanism for communication from school to home. Details on how to download this have been texted to you and can be found on our school website [here](#). Please download this app if you have not yet done so.

I will continue to provide updates on changes and developments as the new session progresses. As always, your support is very much appreciated at all times, and especially during this difficult period. I am grateful for your patience in the face of multiple changes and announcements in recent weeks. Please do not hesitate to contact the school for further information on any of the points above.

I look forward to seeing all young people back at school soon, and hope for a smoother session in 2020/21.

Yours faithfully,



Jonathan Graham
Head Teacher