

## GUIDE FOR PARENTS/CARERS ON RE-OPENING THE SCHOOL



### **Context**

On 23 June, John Swinney, the Depute First Minister (DFM), made a statement in Parliament which detailed the ambition of The Scottish Government for all children and young people to return to school full-time in August 2020. The DFM stressed that it is an aim which the Government is now working towards but it “remains conditional and dependent upon ongoing scientific and health advice.”

On the basis of this statement, Aberdeen Grammar School is planning to re-open on a full-time basis in August 2020.

However, we have also created a School Recovery Contingency Plan which will be implemented only if the conditions for a full re-opening of the school have not been met.

**By the week beginning 3 August, the Scottish Government will have instructed schools as to which plan is to be implemented. We will inform parents accordingly during this week.**

The induction week as outlined below will be the same for a full re-opening or a recovery/contingency re-opening.

### **Chief Education Officer Letter**

Eleanor Sheppard (Chief Education Officer) has written to parents explaining the three possible scenarios for re-opening in August given the need to take stock of the situation at that point regarding COVID 19.

[Parent/Carer Letter 30.06.20](#)

### **School Recovery Contingency Plan**

The School Recovery Contingency Plan - <https://grammar.org.uk/policies-procedures/>

### **Induction Week – 10-14 August**

All year groups will experience an induction session in the first week of term. During these sessions, pupils will be briefed on health and safety guidelines and behaviour expectations. Each pupil will receive a copy of their timetable and a pack of resources for their own use to support learning.

<b>DAY</b>	<b>YEAR GROUP</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>MONDAY 10 August</b>	In-service for Staff S4-S6 re-coursing by appointment	1330-1550 hours
<b>TUESDAY 11 August</b>	Staff Planning and Preparation S4-S6 re-coursing by appointment	
<b>WEDNESDAY 12 August</b>	S1 Induction S2 Induction	Arrival time 9 am Morning only
<b>THURSDAY 13 August</b>	S3 Induction S4 Induction	Arrival time 9 am Morning only
<b>FRIDAY 14 August</b>	S5 Induction S6 Induction	Arrival time 9 am Morning only
	Induction of new pupils (S2-S6)	Throughout the week.

## **Uniform**

Pupils are expected to wear AGS school uniform as follows - white or blue shirt, black trousers/skirt, black or navy jumper, black shoes. **Pupils do not wear a tie or blazer until further notice.**

When timetabled for HWB, pupils should go directly to the Rubislaw Playing Fields in their PE kit. There will be no access to PE changing rooms on site. Pupils should bring their own water and leave all valuables at home.

The recommendation is that school clothing is washed after each in-school day.

## **Journey to and from School**

Pupils walking or cycling to school are expected to maintain social distancing, in line with Scottish Government advice.

Pupils who travel to school by service bus should wear face coverings and observe physical distancing guidelines.

Please note that parents/carers are not permitted in the school grounds to drop off or pick up their child(ren).

## **Arrival at School**

Pupils will be informed of the time they have to arrive at school and the entrance they have to use. Pupils will be required to use hand sanitiser on entering the school building.

At all times, pupils must follow the instructions of staff and adhere to social distancing rules.

## **Moving around the Building**

A one-way system may be in operation in school which pupils must adhere to in order to maintain social distancing rules.

## **In Class**

Classrooms and class groupings will be organised in line with social distancing recommendations.

Pupils must bring their own materials (including pens, pencils, rulers, etc) to class and make sure that they leave nothing behind at the end of the lesson. Resource packs will be provided by each subject.

Pupils must use hand sanitiser prior to entering each classroom.

On leaving a classroom, pupils must wipe down their desk, chair and any surface they may have come into contact with. Cleaning materials will be provided for this purpose.

## **Break and Lunchtime**

Pupils will not be in school over lunchtime during the induction week and there will be no canteen facilities available. The provision of free school meal vouchers will continue.

### **Toilets**

Toilet areas will be monitored with a limited number of pupils being allowed access at any one time.

### **Leaving the School**

Following their induction session, all pupils must leave the school grounds immediately. This will allow the smooth running of multiple induction sessions.

### **Parental Communication with the School**

Parents/carers are not permitted in the school grounds or buildings. If a parent/carer wishes to talk to a member of school staff, they should telephone the school office (01224 642299) in the first instance.

### **Pupil Behaviour**

It is essential that all of our young people adhere to social distancing rules, and as such, the highest standards of behaviour are required. We cannot waste learning time. During lessons, teachers will be engaged in direct teaching to support the completion of tasks and activities at home. Any young person engaging in disruptive behaviour or not adhering to social distancing rules may be asked to work from home. This is for safety reasons and to maximise learning time.

### **Blended Learning**

Since Monday, 23 March our young people have been encouraged and supported to engage in digital learning at home. All the learning and teaching materials used during this period have been posted in Google Classrooms for each subject. It will be the responsibility of all pupils to ensure that they are up to date with work posted for each subject course. This will allow for continuity of learning and a productive start to the new academic session.

Pupils who are subject to shielding will continue to access learning through the relevant Google Classrooms.

### **Planning for Success**

Simple guides for parents/carers on how to use Google Classroom may be accessed through the following link. <https://sites.google.com/ab-ed.org/onlinelearning/>

Our Library website also offers excellent advice and support for “at home” learning and gives access to a wide variety of learning resources. <https://sites.google.com/ab-ed.org/ags-library>