

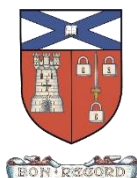
Aberdeen Grammar School

OUR VISION

Working together

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24 August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to report that our pupils are settling into new routines and following all the safety procedures we have put in place. In my update today, I really would appreciate your support with a couple of key issues.

Safety

As senior staff we are supervising staggered starts, breaks and exits as part of the new school day. These are all COVID safety measures.

We ask that parent/carers avoid parking on yellow lines and directly outside the front and back gates when dropping off or picking up their child (ren). This is causing a build up of traffic during very busy periods. It is important that we try and keep entrance and exit points clear for the safety of the whole school community. Please agree an alternative drop-off and pick up point with your child (ren). We have asked for support from city wardens to manage this situation. In the meantime, senior staff will respectfully and at a 2m distance, ask any driver, in a parked car to move on. I thank you in advance for your support.

Uniform

As you know, all pupils will be back in full school uniform on Tuesday 29 September (following the September long weekend). Until then, your help in supporting our current school uniform guidance is very much appreciated.

We still expect pupils to dress appropriately for school and they should wear the required items indicated in the table below.

Uniform	Required	Available to buy
School Blazer (with badge)	x	John Lewis/Stevensons
School Tie	x	John Lewis/Stevensons
School Shirt (White/Light Blue)	✓	Parent Choice
Trousers/Skirt (Black/Grey/Navy)	✓	Parent Choice
Pullover (Grey/Navy- no logos apart from those with AGS badge)	optional	Parent Choice
Shoes (Black)	✓	Parent Choice

On days when pupils are timetabled for PE, they should wear their PE kit to school instead of the uniform as detailed above. This should be appropriate for school and football/sports strips are not allowed.

Attendance – COVID

Prevent the spread of COVID-19 – Schools

Anyone who:

- has the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) – a new persistent cough, fever, or a loss of sense of smell and/or taste – should stay at home and arrange for coronavirus testing;
- is living with someone who has coronavirus symptoms should stay at home and follow the relevant advice;
- has returned (or come) to Scotland from a country which is not exempt from the UK quarantine rules, should stay at home following the relevant guidance.

The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 require all those returning to Scotland from non-exempt countries to self-isolate at home or in another appropriate location for 14 days. Those self-isolating should not go out to work or school or visit public areas. This point is covered prominently in the Sector Advice Card

<https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/advice-and-guidance/2020/08/scottish-covid-19-workbook-2020/documents/covid-19-sector-advice-card/covid-19-sector-advice-card/govscot%3Adocument/covid-19-sector-advice-card.pdf>.

As you will know, the list of exempt countries has been changed in recent days.

We attach a link to the relevant guidance

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-public-health-checks-at-borders/pages/exemptions/>

School Trips

We have been advised that the refunds from the insurance companies/tour operators will be with us very soon (we are hoping this week). As a result, we will be issuing refunds over the next couple of weeks. To make this work effectively, there will be a separate communication with you from the school which will detail refund arrangements.

Kindest regards

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Head Teacher