

Dear S4,5,6 Pupils, Parents and Carers



S4,5,6 Senior Phase – Practical Activities Phased Return to School - 19th February 2021 Update

Summary

As you will be aware, as of Monday 22nd February all secondary schools will be starting a gradual phased return for a limited number of S4,5,6 pupils **where there is an essential need for access to in-school practical work**. This is focused on subjects that have coursework components that require equipment or other in-school resources that cannot be undertaken remotely and to ensure pupils have a secure foundation and course coverage prior to formal assessment taking place in the later stages of the 2020/21 academic session. There will be no formal assessment of pupils at this time. This work is to support essential learning and teaching. We are strictly limited to having a maximum of up to 8% of our school roll present at any one time and this unfortunately restricts the frequency of in-school sessions. Please note that at this stage not all subjects require in-school provision at this stage. We must also maintain remote learning for S1-6 and our Hub provisions both which will continue.

Session Timings

Morning sessions are between 0900-1130 and afternoon sessions from 1230-1500. The timings must be adhered to. Pupils should bring a snack and water. There are some all-day sessions and for these pupils they will be given a lunchbreak in which they can leave the school building. A packed lunch is recommended.

Arrival

Pupils should not arrive before 0845 for a morning session or 1215 for an afternoon session. Pupils should go straight to the designated classrooms and register with the class teacher. Pupils must leave at the end of the sessions. It is not possible to remain in school after a session and pupils must exit the building immediately. Dress code is not required.

Pupil Notifications

Pupils will be contacted via TEAMS by their subject teachers and/or Curricular Leader will make contact with pupils through TEAMS to confirm which pupils are to attend each session. It is likely that not all pupils in each subject area will be required at all times to come into school to do practical work. Only those where it is deemed absolutely necessary. Teachers will also confirm room locations and any subject specific resources pupils are required to bring with them.

Timetable Schedule

Below is the schedule of when the identified practical subjects will meet with pupils. Updates to this timetable may be required over the next few weeks based on further guidance from the Scottish Government and the SQA.

	Monday		Tuesday		
	AM 0900-1130	PM 1230-1500	AM 0900-1130	PM 1230-1500	
S4	Art & Design	Design & Manufacture	Graphic Communication Practical Cookery Media	Graphic Communication Practical Cookery Drama	
S5,6	Art & Design Digital Media	Art & Design	Music Data Science	Music	
	Wednesday		Thursday		Friday
	AM 0900-1130	PM 1230-1500	AM 0900-1130	PM 1230-1500	AM 0900-1130
S4	Woodworking Music	Woodworking Music	Drama	Computing	Media
S5,6	Woodworking Computing	Woodworking	D&M Practical Cookery	Drama	Drama

Subject Listing Summary

Below is a list of subjects that have indicated those essential practical work is required to be carried out at this time. Other subjects may be added in due course.

Subject	S4	Additional Info	S5/6	Additional Info
Art & Design	Y	Components 2 & 3: design and expressive portfolio. Not all pupils will be required at all times	Y	Components 2 & 3: design and expressive portfolio
Computing	Y	Assignment Preparation (DDD practical skills, WDD practical skills and SDD practical skills)	Y	Assignment Preparation (SDD practical skills and WDD practical skills)
Drama	Y	Component 2: performance. 4F only on Tue PM, other classes Thurs AM (see Teams for info.)	Y	Component 2: performance
Practical Cookery	Y	Component 3: practical activity	Y	Component 3: practical activity
Music	Y	Not all pupils will be required at all times	Y	Not all pupils will be required at all times
Graphic Communication	Y	Full day (Tues) required for approx. 3 weeks	n/a	
Practical Woodworking	Y	Attending Wednesdays every 2 weeks	Y	From w/b 1 st March Attending Wednesdays every 2 weeks
Design & Manufacture	Y		n/a	
Digital Media	n/a		Y	Starting w/b 1 st March
Media	Y	Component 2: assignment	Y	Component 3: assignment
Data Science	n/a		Y	Starting w/b 15 th March
Engineering Science	X	Not currently required in school	X	Not currently required in school
Physical Education	X	Not yet possible indoors	X	Not yet possible indoors
Photography	n/a	Not currently required in school	X	Not currently required in school

Health and Safety - Teaching Staff will insist on these mitigations and pupils who choose not to follow these may be asked to return home.

All Senior phase pupils will be required to exercise 2m social distancing.

All Senior phase pupils will be required to wear a face covering – unless they are in possession of a medical exemption.

Pupils must remain in assigned seats or groupings to assist in COVID-19 track and trace purposes.

Regular hand washing and hand sanitizing will take place. All practical equipment will require to be cleaned and sanitized before and after use.

Rooms will be ventilated as much as possible.

Pupils should not arrive before 0845am or 1215pm and must leave at the end of the sessions. It is not possible to remain in school after a session and pupils must exit the building immediately.

Pupils must remain in the agreed spaces during each session and there should be limited movement around the school

If pupils go out of school at lunchtime or other social times they should follow the rules in place for wider society.

Pupils should wear masks if using public transport.