

Hyndland Secondary School – March 2021 – Return to school information

Following the announcement by the First Minister that students will return to school as of March 15th, we have a number of key messages to highlight. These messages are really important and must be adhered to by all students who are coming into school to help ensure everyone in the school building is kept safe.

Reducing infection risk and keeping our school community safe

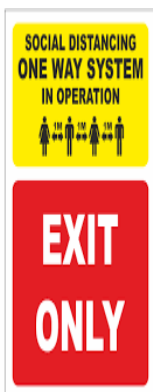
We know that coronavirus spreads by close contact with a person with symptoms and by touching contaminated surfaces. At home it is important that you;

*Check your child(ren) for symptoms each day. These are a new continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell. If you have concerns visit www.nhsinform.scot

*If your child or someone in your household is displaying symptoms, **it is important that you follow government advice and do not send them to school.**

***All learners in the senior phase are encouraged to participate in the voluntary testing at home – further information has been sent to families regarding this. S1-S3 learners will have this available to them post spring break.**

* Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly, especially when they return home from school.



Entering and Exiting the School Building

*All young people must enter school via the building they are timetabled to be in – e.g. if a student is timetabled in Technical they SHOULD NOT enter into the Lauderdale Building at any point.

*Subject in Lauderdale building – enter via MAIN entrance on Lauderdale Gardens.

* Subject in Airlie Building – enter and exit via Airlie exit in Playground.

Arriving on time and leaving the school building promptly

*As you will be aware, we are only allowed a very small number of students in the building at any one time. **A lot of time has been taken to plan our timetable so that we can maximise the number of students we have in each day.**

* For this timetable to work effectively it is vital that young person arrive on time for their timetabled block of learning but they MUST also leave the school premises as soon as their block of learning is over. This also includes congregating at our pitch and playground as these need to be used for teaching purposes at all times.

*Young people must avoid remaining outside of the school entrances following their block of learning so that we can reduce the numbers of students meeting each other.

We would ask families to reinforce this message at home please.



Safe movement around the school

As young people move around the building, **even though it may be very quiet, they should continue to adhere to the one-way system at all times.** Even if this means it takes longer to get to class all students must follow this. This will allow us to ensure the safe movement of young people in our building.

*All young people should be familiar with the one-way system as this has been in place since August 2020.



Hygiene

*As young people enter the school building they **MUST** sanitise their hands at one of the hand sanitiser stations located in the school if they do not have their own hand sanitiser with them.

*All young people should also sanitise their hands upon entering their classroom.

Social Distancing

*Unlike the previous re-opening of schools, all young people entering the school will now be expected to socially distance.

* Classrooms will be set up to comply with the 2m social distancing rules, and it is important that young people should maintain social distance inside the building when moving around the corridor etc.

* Young people will be allocated a work station to use within their classroom and it is important that they remain at that work station as instructed by their teacher.



Face Coverings – Mandatory – for all year groups

*In line with updated Scottish Government advice, it is vital that all young people (S1-S6) now wear a face covering at all times when they are in the school building.

* Every effort should be made by our learners to bring their own face covering to school each day they are due to be in the building.

* We understand and recognise there will be exemptions and reasons for not wearing face coverings. Please notify us if this is the case.



Keeping our classroom areas safe for all

*As young people enter and leave a classroom, they will be directed to their own work-station and asked to sanitise this before and after use. This will help to ensure the safety of both themselves and others. Class teachers will provide materials to do this.



Food / Fuel Zone

*Please note that there will be NO provision to purchase meals, snacks or food water when the senior phase students are in the building.

* Young people should bring their own water and own snack to school if required.

* Due to limited capacity of local shops, there will not be an opportunity to purchase snacks at a break time – please come to school prepared with your own snack.



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I'm so behind."



"It's incredible you've
got this far."

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