



# IRVINE ROYAL ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

We have been working very hard over the recent period to develop plans and timetables in line with national and local advice. We have taken into account the views of all stakeholders, as well as health and safety matters. Social distancing means that we have had to think differently about how we deliver learning when we return in August.

We are planning for a blended approach of *in-school* and *learning at home*. Our *in-school learning* will be face-to-face lessons with teachers and *learning at home* will be tasks/activities set by teachers to consolidate and extend learning covered during the face-to-face lessons in school.

In order for us to follow social distancing advice from the government, we are unable to have all pupils in school at the same time. We will be splitting the year groups into half by surname - Group A and Group B. We will ensure that siblings are placed in the same group to allow families to plan for work and childcare arrangements more easily.

Group A will attend classes on a Monday/Tuesday for *in-school learning* and will *learn at home* for the remaining part of the week. Group B will attend classes on a Thursday/Friday for *in-school learning* and will *learn at home* on the other days.

In order to maximise curriculum coverage, we have lengthened the school day and therefore increased the number of periods that your son/daughter will be in school:

Period	Monday and Thursday	Tuesday/Friday
1	9.00 – 9.45	9.00 – 9.45
2	9.45 – 10.30	9.45 – 10.30
Interval	10.30 – 10.45	10.30 – 10.45
3	10.45 – 11.30	10.45 – 11.30
4	11.30 – 12.15	11.30 – 12.15
5	12.15 – 1.00	12.15 – 1.00
Lunch	1.00 – 1.40	1.00 – 1.40
6	1.40 – 2.25	1.40 – 2.25
7	2.25 – 3.10	2.25 – 3.10
8	3.10 – 3.55	

The groupings are currently being created and a follow-up letter will be issued next week –it will detail which group your child is in. This will be very different for all of us but our staff will continue to provide on-line support and learning packs, where appropriate.



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We will be expecting that all pupils wear school uniform when they return in August – many thanks for your feedback in this area. Your preference and the position taken is consistent with the decision made in all other North Ayrshire Secondary Schools.

I wish to take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform:

- White shirt or polo shirt (buttoned up) – no coloured parts to the shirt or logos.
- Black trousers or skirt (as near to knee length as possible) – no jeans/denims, tracksuit bottoms, jeggings, leggings or shorts.
- A school tie worn correctly (these can be purchased via the school website). Pupils in senior school (S5/6) wear a different tie to those in S1-S4.
- Black jumpers (v neck) or cardigan under which the school tie should be visible. Only plain black (with no logos or branding) will be allowed to be worn in class.
- No Hoodies of any kind are to be worn in class.
- Black shoes or trainers.
- Blazers with the school crest are preferred. Any pupil not wearing uniform will be issued with a purple slip. The assigned Year Head will make contact home, if appropriate.

That said you are now able to order blazers from Gilmour Sports, the following link <http://www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com/blazers> can be accessed. The website will give advice on how to measure your son/daughter and then you will be able to place an order online.

In addition, all new **S1 pupils will be gifted a school tie**, they will be delivered in due course and form part of our transition pack. Pupils in need of a new school tie will find information detailing the process on the school website: [irvineroyal.co.uk](http://irvineroyal.co.uk). Once you make your order and pay online, your tie will be posted out to your home address. If you have any queries at all relating to school uniform please email [irvineroyal@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk](mailto:irvineroyal@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk).

As we approach the last week of term, I cannot stress enough how excited we are to see all of our young people again – we have missed you all very much!

I know this period has been and continues to be challenging for us all, I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Head Teacher