

10 August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Following on from the letter posted on our Twitter page and our Website last week, I wish to reinforce the main messages that are pertinent to our S1 pupils.

School Return:

S1 pupils will return to school as of Wednesday 12th August. S1 pupils should gather at the Sandy Road steps from 8.45 am – they will then be collected by their register teacher and their senior guides. The senior guides will accompany them to and from classes – they will also help supervise at break and lunch. S1 pupils will get out of class five minutes early in order to make their way to the next class without any added congestion – this will continue for the next period of time.

The school day:

The school day is the same as was indicated in the S1 transition booklet:

Monday and Tuesday – 8.50 am – 3.45 pm

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – 8.50 am – 2.55 pm

Pupils will attend registration each day from 8.50 am - 9 am.

Keep Left:

We will be operating a "keep left" system throughout the school – there will be clear signage to reinforce this message.

Lunch Arrangements:

The canteen is operating a "Cashless" system. You should make sure that you have signed up for Parent Pay. Please contact:

parentpayqueries@north-ayrshire.gov.uk if you have any issues setting up an account.

A designated zone has been created in the canteen for S1 pupils at break and lunch.









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All S1 pupils will remain in school during break and lunch – this is entirely consistent with other NAC Secondary Schools.

Uniform:

- White shirt or polo shirt (buttoned up) - no coloured parts to the shirt or logos

 \cdot Black trousers or skirt (as near to knee length as possible) – no jeans/denims, tracksuit bottoms, jeggings, leggings or shorts

 \cdot A school tie worn correctly (these can be purchased at the school office or from our school website). Pupils in senior school wear a different tie to those in the junior school.

 \cdot 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.

- \cdot No Hoodies of any kind are to be worn in class.
- · Black shoes or trainers.
- · Blazers with the school crest are preferred.

Please ensure that pupils bring a school bag with them.

Breakfast Club:

Our breakfast club will not be running for the time being – we hope to have it back in due course.

Stationary Packs:

Please encourage your son/daughter to bring their packs which were gifted prior to the holiday.

Support:

For the coming weeks all S1 classes will be supported by Classroom Assistants and/or Support for Learning teachers. This will allow us to closely monitor the progress being made and in turn address any evolving needs.









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House System:

As previously indicated, we will be operating a House System in the school. We have three houses:

Arran, Bute and Cumbrae

Arran House

Arran DHT – Ms Bethell

Arran PT Pastoral – Mrs Davidson

Arran Support for Learning - Ross Muirhead

Bute House

Bute DHT – Mr Little

Bute PT Pastoral – Mrs Clifford

Bute Support for Learning – Miss Wotherspoon

Cumbrae House

Cumbrae DHT – Ms Pryce

Cumbrae PT Pastoral – Mrs Gibson

Cumbrae Support for Learning – Ms Kenefick

When contacting the school you should ask to speak with the relevant DHT/PT Pastoral Support, in the first instance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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