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**Head Teacher**  
Mr Brian McDermott

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope my letter finds you well and that you and your families have had an enjoyable summer break.

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> August marks the return to school for all pupils so I am writing just to give an update on some important areas of school business around this return.

In addition to the information contained here, you should also have received two additional letters: one from Maureen McKenna, Executive Director of Education; and the other from Linda de Caestecker, Director of Public Health. These letters are also available on our school's website.

### **Covid-19**

Whilst things are definitely looking brighter just now in terms of Covid-19, with the move nationally beyond 'level 0', you will have noted in the national press that there are some mitigations which will remain in place in school settings for at least the next 6 weeks – this takes us up to around the September weekend – these are noted in general terms in Maureen McKenna's letter. In All Saints' then, the following will apply for the initial period of the new school session, pending national review:

- A revised and updated **Risk Assessment** has been put in place.
- Regular **hand washing/use of hand sanitiser** will continue throughout each day.
- **Desks and work spaces will continue to be cleaned** after every lesson and 'touch point' cleaning will continue throughout the school day too.
- **Seating plans** will remain in place for every classroom across the school.

- All young people must wear a **face covering** (unless medically exempt) at all times in our school building other than when sitting eating at interval/lunch.
- Young people will be encouraged to undertake **twice-weekly Lateral Flow Tests** and record their results. Test kits are available in school via Year Heads.
- *At least 1m social distancing* will be employed between all adults and young people and between all adults and other adults.
- As before, where possible social distancing will be in place between young people.
- We will maintain our **staggered start** to the school day:
  - **S4, S5 and S6 should report at 8:45am for an 8:50am start**
  - **S1, S2 and S3 should report at 8:55am for a 9:00am start.**
  - Young people *will not* be able to access the school building prior to their designated reporting time but S1 young people will be permitted to cross over the social area into the S1 yard. There will be staff on hand from Monday onwards to direct and support our young people with this – especially our new S1 – and, as before, we will move the young people into the building efficiently to minimise waiting time.
  - The pickup times for Milton transport will remain the same as they were pre-summer (i.e. slightly later than usual, to allow young people to arrive just before the start of the school day and to minimise waiting time outside the building – these will be advertised on social media and via our Groupcall email system before Monday, as a reminder).
- We will maintain our **'split' intervals and lunch-times**.
  - S1, S2 and S3 will continue to have their morning interval from 10:30am -10:45am and their lunch from 12:25pm – 1:05pm
  - S4, S5 and S6 will continue to have their morning interval from 11:20am – 11:35am and their lunch from 1:15pm-1:55pm.
  - Our 'zone' system in the canteen/social area will remain in place but young people will be able to sit inside should they wish to do so at intervals and lunches.
  - Note – young people are once again able to purchase food from our Fuelzone should they wish to do so.

## Uniform

I have been delighted with the attitude from our young people to the re-emphasised focus on perfect school uniform in our school. It has been wonderful to see such tremendous improvements in such a short space of time. Thank you again to all parents/carers for your support here – it really makes a huge difference to the atmosphere and culture of our school.

From Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> August, it is expected that all pupils attend school in full school uniform each and every day. This includes a white shirt, black trousers/skirt, our school tie, school blazer (and school jumper if required) and all black shoes.

Where issues arise – and they do – please just write a brief note and ask that your child gives this to their Pupil Support Teacher first thing in the morning.

### Shoes

As per previous communication, please ensure that your child attends school in all black school shoes or plain black trainers. I am very grateful for your support here – this creates an equitable atmosphere in our school and removes pressure around the cost of the school day. ‘Converse’ and other coloured training shoes are not permitted in our school. If we can support anyone with ensuring all black shoes/trainers are worn, please get in touch. We are more than happy to help.

### Blazers

Towards the end of last term, I wrote to all parents of current pupils to advise that we were able to provide a brand-new blazer free of charge for session 2021-2022 to all existing pupils. The majority of young people were issued their blazers pre-summer break but there will be opportunities in the first day or two of term, via your child’s Head of Year, to pick up a blazer if your child had yet to do so. If you have any queries around this, please get in touch with your child’s Head of Year or Pupil Support Teacher. Young people are, of course, welcome to wear their outside jackets over their blazers on their way to school in inclement weather.

## **SQA**

### Session 2020-2021

Our S4, S5 and S6 young people worked incredibly hard last session to achieve outstanding results in their National Qualifications in very challenging circumstances, resulting in official SQA certification on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> August.

As a school, we performed brilliantly across national measures and improved in all key areas relative to previous (pre-Covid-19) years. This is a testament to the commitment, resilience and ‘can do’ attitude of our outstanding young people, the tremendous support of you as parents and carers, and to the young-person-centred professionalism of the excellent staff in All Saints’. We are capable of so much as a learning community and last year is a clear example of that.

### Session 2021-2022

We do not yet have confirmation of the Certification Model for this session but this is anticipated soon. The SQA have announced already that some of the minor changes they made to course requirements for last session in certain subjects are likely to remain in place.

We will start this session on the assumption of a normal school year and ensure that from the get-go, our young people are experiencing excellent learning and teaching in preparation for the demands of their National Qualifications, assuming an examination diet. Mr Houston, our SQA Coordinator, will update further as soon as we are in a position to do so.

## **Staffing**

We have a number of new staff arriving in All Saints' at the start of the new term, including six new probation teachers and a number of fixed term staff who will be with us throughout session 2021-2022.

We also have some new permanent staff:

Mrs Ross – Teacher of Admin, Business and Computing  
Ms Hopkins – Teacher of Art  
Ms Wilkie – Teacher of English  
Ms Crumlin – Teacher of Physical Education  
Mrs Baumik – Teacher of Learning Support  
Mrs Franchesci – Principal Teacher of Pupil Support (New S2)  
Ms Brown – Support for Learning Worker  
Ms Arnold – Support for Learning Worker  
Ms Dillon – Support for Learning Worker

I very much look forward to welcoming all our new staff and young people to our wonderful learning community.

## **Year Group Support**

Our young people will be supported by designated Year Heads and Pupil Support Teachers throughout this session. Please see names and contact details below:

### **S1**

Year Head: Mr Gallagher

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Pupil Support Teacher: Miss Goldie

[gw10goldieannemarie@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw10goldieannemarie@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

### **S2**

Year Head: Ms Hewitt

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Pupil Support Teacher: Mrs Franchesci

[gw10franceschichrist@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw10franceschichrist@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

### **S3**

Year Head: Mr Shannon

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Pupil Support Teacher: Ms Marlin

[gw10marlinmary@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw10marlinmary@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

**S4**

Year Head: Mr Shannon

[gw12shannonchristoph@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw12shannonchristoph@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

Pupil Support Teacher: Ms Henry / Ms Baillie

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**S5**

Year Head: Mr Houston

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Pupil Support Teacher: Ms Brady

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**S6**

Year Head: Mr Gallagher

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Pupil Support Teacher: Miss Goldie

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Please don't hesitate to get in touch with these key adults should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's learning or wellbeing.

I am delighted that we are about to kick-off another school session in All Saints' and I am very optimistic that we are in an excellent place – Covid-19 or not – to continue to improve in every aspect of what we do as a school community. I am confident that this year will be an exciting and successful one for us all and I very much look forward to working with you and your child over this coming session.

Yours Sincerely,

Brian McDermott  
Head Teacher  
All Saints' RC Secondary