

Thursday 1st April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am sending you this newsletter to confirm arrangements for our return to school on Monday 19th April 2021.

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A significant day for Fraserburgh

After a long spell away, we are all finally back in school TOGETHER!

On this day, we invite you to come back to school with a renewed sense of PURPOSE.

We want to make it a special day, a CELEBRATION of all that is good about FRASERBURGH ACADEMY, an opportunity to revitalise our sense of PRIDE & BELONGING for OUR school.

What are **YOU** BACK for?

YOUR POSITIVE FUTURE? NEW LEARNING?
CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES? New Skills?



#BROCHBACK

As I said in last week's newsletter the Scottish Government intend to make a final announcement on 6th April about the return of schools on 19th April, but it is widely recognised that this is a formality and that the full return of all learners to schools will take place on this date.

I do hope you have been able to access the messages regarding this return which have been posted on our social media sites. As you can see from these our staff are all very much looking forward to welcoming our learners back to school.

Health & Safety Guidelines for return on 19th April

As you would expect, there are a number of health and safety guidelines for us to follow on our return to keep us all safe and well in school. Guidance for our return has been issued by the Scottish Government, based on scientific advice.

Physical distancing between young people in secondary schools is not required to ensure a safe return to schools from 19th April. However, it is in everyone's interests that the school takes every opportunity to put in measures to minimise risk. As a precautionary approach we will encourage distancing where possible between young people.

The following will apply in school

- Two metre physical distancing between adults, and between adults and young people who are not from the same household should be maintained.
- All young people should try to maintain distance from each other, where possible, particularly indoors
- Young people should avoid crowding together
- Social physical contact (hand to hand greeting/hugs) is discouraged
- The registration period is will continue to be suspended to minimise movement. All pupils should go to their period 1 class first thing where the register will be taken.
- Learners who choose to have lunch in school are encouraged to order their food in the morning, using the Fusion App

- To facilitate distancing the following procedures should be followed in the morning.

- **School transport pupils** - hurry bell 8.35 am go to classroom, learners should be in class by the second bell at 8.40 am.
- **Non transport pupils**- arrive 8.45am hurry bell, **go directly** to designated classroom by 8:50
- **Please enter and exit via your allocated door**
- **Learners should not go upstairs or to their first classroom until the 8.35 am bell has rung.** The assembly hall, social area and canteen will be available to learners prior to 8.35 am.

There will also be staggered exits before break, lunchtime and at the end of the school day.

End of period 4 (Before break)	Even numbered classrooms	Leave at 11.25 am
	Odd numbered classrooms	Leave at 11.30 am
End of period 6 (before lunch)	Even numbered classrooms	Leave at 1 pm
	Odd numbered classrooms	Leave at 1.05 pm
End of period 8 (end of school day)	Even numbered classrooms	Leave at 3.20 pm
	Odd numbered classrooms	Leave at 3.25 pm

Other points to note

- **All staff and learners must wear a face covering whilst in the school building, including classrooms.** Face coverings can be removed when eating or drinking, or when outside. Any learner who believes they are exempt must speak with their guidance teacher, and if necessary, be issued with a school exemption lanyard.
- Our cleaning team will continue to ensure that an enhanced environmental cleaning regime is in place during and after every school day.

Should learners choose to go into the town to visit local businesses at lunchtimes they must

- Observe 2m distancing
- Wear a face covering
- Follow all instructions
- Avoid being in large crowds
- Don't obstruct the pavement

I ask for your support in this by discussing these guidelines with your son or daughter.

Lateral Flow Testing

We have been very impressed with the way in which our learners in S4-6 have engaged with the voluntary lateral flow testing. From Monday 19th April this testing is being offered to **all learners from S1- S6**. For pupils in S1- S3, an email containing information about the testing process will be sent to all parents today. This information contains a consent form which must be completed and sent to the school office – Fraserburgh.aca@aberdeenshire.gov.uk – as soon as possible.

Testing kits cannot be issued without a completed consent form sent to this address.

A **first** lateral flow test kit will be distributed to new participants in the scheme during class time from Monday 19th April. For learners who now need a **second or third** kit a distribution point will be set up daily in the crush hall from 1.30 pm to 2 pm where kits can be picked up.

S1 Digital Learning

In Term 4, our S1s will be making the most of all of their digital learning during lockdown by completing a Qualification in Digital Literacy during some of their English time - from April 19th to the end of May. Every learner will be creating a Digital Passport working closely with our Business Education and Computer Science Faculty.

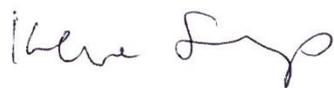
Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers most sincerely for your support of all our young people over the last thirteen weeks. We fully understand that there have been many difficulties to overcome to enable young people to participate in

remote learning and we are very aware of the support and guidance you have provided. It has always been my belief that the education of every young person is a partnership between home and school and we look forward to the further development of this partnership in the weeks ahead.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable holiday.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Irene Sharp".

Irene Sharp

Rector