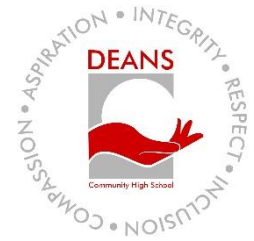


Parent Update

5 March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

Phased Return of Students

I issued a letter yesterday from Dr Elaine Cook, outlining the changes announced by Scottish Government to the phased return of students to in-school learning. Since the announcement on Tuesday, we have been working to put a model in place that lies within the guidance set out by the Government. I will issue you details as early as possible next week, letting you know which days your child will be attending school. Every student will have some time in school each week and the format of work being done in class and at home will vary from class to class, dependant on where that class are in their learning. The mix of time in school and at home does mean that there will be changes to the on-line learning, but we will do all we can to keep students engaged and making progress.

A few details that I would like to bring to your attention to give you some time to prepare are as follows:

- Students should wear school uniform. The exception is that they should wear their PE kit on days where they have PE.
- Students must remain 2 m from others within the school building. Classes will be set up for this but we ask that students are particularly mindful of this when moving around the building and at breaks.
- Students who travel by bus should maintain 1 m distancing on the buses.
- Students should bring their own equipment (pens/pencils etc) where possible to avoid sharing materials.
- Students will continue to remain within the school grounds at break and lunch.

We will continue to have in place strict cleaning and hygiene procedures.

Apprenticeship Week

To mark Scottish Apprenticeship Week, students have been given daily newsletters highlighting the opportunities available to them via work-based learning. Mrs Ward has also put together some information on this for parents/carers and this can be accessed using the link below.

<https://sway.office.com/tXrBb4L1VS2G877I?ref=Link>

Once again, my thanks go to you for continuing to support your child's learning under such difficult circumstances and I hope that you and your families remain safe and well.

Pauline Allison
Head Teacher

Reminder of Covid 19 Protocols

As you are aware, with the return of our pupils and staff to school, we have put procedures in to place that support all members of the school community if anyone displays symptoms of Covid 19.

A reminder that the symptoms are:

- High temperature or fever
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste

If a pupil displays symptoms, we will contact you to collect your child (please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details). **Pupils over the age of 16 may return home themselves.** The pupil should, if possible, wear a face covering en route and avoid public transport.

You will be asked to follow Test and Protect and we will provide you with a copy of the Test and Protect Leaflet and Step by Step Guide when your child is collected.

Information on the groups of children within the school, **and on school transport**, and the adults that each group of children come in to contact with will be collected. This is to fulfil legal responsibilities for public health and will allow Test and Protect to contact appropriate people in the event of a positive test result.

If anyone within your household tests positive for Covid 19, please do not send your child to school. Report their absence and the reason for this by calling PSA in the morning.