

People Directorate

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Dear Parent/Carer

AUGUST UPDATE

Welcome to the new school term. I hope you had a good summer. It was great to see our pupils looking so smart in their uniforms as they returned to school last week. Many of them were wearing school blazers. We thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Our young people are following all our Covid safety routines without a fuss once again. I am very proud of how responsible they are about it. Hopefully we can begin to ease these restrictions as the school year goes on so that we can get back to a more normal school life.

Covid-19 Contact Tracing

As you may be aware, there are a few young people self-isolating at present because they have tested positive. There is no longer a need for class contacts to self-isolate. However, when we are aware of a positive case and the young person has been in school recently, we will issue parents and staff with a 'Warn and Inform' letter advising you to be extra vigilant. Anyone who is regarded as a close contact (meaning they have had clear, prolonged contact with the positive case) will be contacted by Test and Protect, not the school. More information can be found in the letter from Douglas Hutchison issued last week which is now on our [website](#).

Lateral flow Tests

A reminder that young people should be testing twice a week if possible using Lateral Flow Tests. This is a really effective health protection measure for schools as often young people have no symptoms when they are Covid positive. Packs of tests will be regularly issued at Daily Personal Support to anyone who needs them as long as their parent/carers has completed a permission form. All S1 were issued with permission forms on their first day. Any other pupil who did not complete a permission form last year should get one from the school office.

Arrangements for Year Heads and Guidance Teachers this year

S1	Mr Little	Belleisle	Mrs Dorrans
S2	Mr Gardner	Craigie	Mrs Mahaffey
S3	Mrs Harper	Rozelle	Mrs Boal
S4	Mr Little	Wallace	Mrs Fergusson
S5	Mr Gardner		
S6	Mrs Harper		

Microsoft Teams and the Satchel Homework App

This year, staff will continue to upload resources and assignments on to Microsoft Teams for their classes. Pupils access these class teams through their Glow account. We also introduced the Satchel homework app last year and will continue to use that. This app means pupils (and their parents) get notified about homework through their mobile phones. It will even send them an alert when it is due! All parents can download the app and have an individual log-in. New parents of S1 pupils will receive information about their log-ins shortly. Further information about the app can be found on our [website here](#).

School Meals

Our school meals are popular with our young people and there is plenty of choice. You can find more information about school meals and a price list on the [South Ayrshire Council website](#). You will also find more information about free school meals and clothing grants here. Please contact the school if you wish any help with your application.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council will continue virtually this term. Everyone is welcome to join the meetings via the Skype link which the office emails out in advance. Meetings take place on the last Tuesday of every month. **Our first meeting this year will be on Tuesday 28 August.** More details to follow.

It is good to be back and I am looking forward to the school year ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact the school at kyle.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes



Mary Byrne
Head Teacher