

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am looking forward to welcoming all of our S2 pupils back to Hamilton Grammar on Friday 14th August but I appreciate that some of our pupils may be anxious and, therefore, I hope that this summary letter helps to provide some reassurance.

We should all remember that although this is a return to education for our pupils, it will not be a return to normality. That said we will do everything that we can, under the circumstances, to make the experience as much like our normal school day as possible.

A detailed guide to the opening arrangements is available on the school website. Also available is a document detailing 'Frequently asked Questions'. This outlines what learners will be doing in school, the equipment they will need as well as the safety measures that have been put in place. I urge you to read this and discuss the relevant content with your child.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR FRIDAY THE 14<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST**

#### **At school:**

All pupils should wear School uniform (details on school website).

All S2 Pupils will enter the building through **Door 4**. Door 4 is halfway up the playground at Pupil Support. I will be there to welcome everyone back and to make sure all pupils know where they are going.

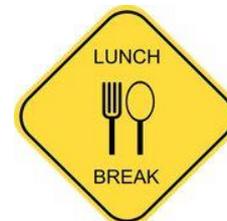


On entering the building, pupils should sanitise their hands using the wall-mounted equipment provided near the doors (additional hand sanitising procedures will be communicated to pupils). Class lists and registration rooms will be displayed in the Octagon and staff will guide pupils to their allocated class.

Pupils should avoid physical contact with other pupils at all times during the day, both inside and outside the school building. The school day will operate as normal with an 8.45 am start and a 1.10 pm finish. At the end of the school day, pupils should sanitise their hands as they leave the classroom and following the one-way system which will be clearly signposted.

### **Interval and Lunch:**

Interval will be from 11.15 to 11.30 and lunch starts at 1.10 -1.55, both as normal. All food must be ordered through the Fusion Mobile app. Pupils will have an individual PIN and will be given time during registration to try out the system.



We have been informed that there can be no tables in the Octagon or the Open Area, to ensure hygiene levels are maintained. Once pupils have collected their lunch they will be encouraged to proceed to the playground for fresh air. Alternative arrangements will be made in the event of inclement weather.

Our new S1 pupils will be released early for lunch and the rest of the school will queue for entry at 1.20, in order to reduce the numbers in the dining area.

Pupils can still go out for lunch, but they must remember to wear a face mask when entering any shops in the town.

Initially there will be no lunchtime or after school clubs. We will look to introduce these as soon as we can and taking account of Government guidance on these matters.

### **In Classes:**

Pupils will be given an extended registration on arrival in their PLP and registration class. During this time pupils will receive their timetable, a one-way system plan and other key documents. A number of these documents require to be completed and returned and I would ask that you make the necessary arrangements for these to be returned the following week. Please also note that there is no requirement for pupils to bring their PE kit to school on Friday.



The primary focus during this initial period will be on wellbeing and helping all S2 pupils to feel settled in the School environment.

I hope that the arrangements above are clear and will enable all S2 pupils to commence their formal timetable from Monday 17th of August.

Mr Fullarton

S2 Year Head