



Lornhill Academy

Pupils Phased Return (15th March 2021)

Session 2020 - 2021



Dear parent/carers,

As per the recent national Scottish Government announcement we will start the process of enhancing reconnection for pupils from the 15th March 2021. To date we have been delighted with the increasing level of engagement and quality of pupil work which has been a key consideration as we plan for the 14 days prior to the Easter Break when we hope all pupils will then be able to return.

Across the country there has been significant Headteacher engagement in looking at various models for this short period of time and it is clear that no two schools are the same and each has to address the unique circumstances and context of their learning communities.

Following consultation with our parent focus groups and middle leadership teams we now have a planned approach taking into consideration, the purpose of this phase, the context of our school community, the wellbeing of our school community and the progression of our young people's learning.

From the 15th March until the 1st April:

Broad General Education (S1-3) will continue with our current online learning approach with additions,

- Continue to provide high quality remote learning, sharing the learning grids and live interaction timetable following the current routine.
- Support in-school visits for identified pupil groups with our Pupil Support team.
- Invite pupils to 'reconnection google meets' to support the process of social reconnection in smaller groups.
- Attend in-school activities for reconnection with staff where appropriate (S1-3 parents will receive a google form to complete).

Senior Phase (S4-6)

- Will follow a timetable across the week enabling in-school learning for all national qualifications.
- Continue with remote learning when not required to attend school.
- Attend where identified for a particular purpose, for example, continue with practical work or complete key learning evidence.

Hub for children of key workers / vulnerable young people

- This provision will continue to run as currently, until at least the Easter Break, after which we hope to have all pupils return depending on conditions.

Information on all of these aspects will be sent to parents, carers and pupils to support their continued learning and, where necessary, arrangements for attending school. Daily reminders for senior phase pupils will be sent over the course of this period for pupils attending school.

As more pupils return to the school campus from the 15th of March, we will reintroduce our school uniform and professional dress for staff. As the process of reconnection starts it is important to create the conditions to support everyone and this is a key aspect of association and being part of Lornshill Academy.

I am grateful for the parental engagement as we worked through this new circumstance and I am delighted that a flexible and targeted approach has been adopted to meet the needs of our pupils and families.

We thoroughly look forward to restrictions easing and more young people attending the school campus, hopefully in the very near future. Thank you for your continued patience, support and understanding at this time. As ever, please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can help or support you further over the next few weeks.

Kind regards



Tom Black
Headteacher