



IRVINE ROYAL ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am pleased to confirm that I am now in a position to share the arrangements covering the period from Monday 15 March 2021 until Thursday 1 April 2021.

Health and Safety

All pupils and staff must continue to:

- Maintain 2m social distancing when in school (revised since last in school). This includes during break and lunch and when moving around the building.
- Wear a face covering when in school (unless exempt) – this includes **S1-S6**. Pupils who are exempt **MUST** wear a lanyard.
- Wash their hands/use hand gel when entering and leaving the building/classroom.
- Wipe down desks and seats at the end of lessons.
- Follow the keep left signs in the corridors.

Toilets

The PE toilets have now been fully refurbished – **all** pupils should use these toilets whilst the Art toilets are under development.

Catering Arrangements

Young people who wish to purchase food from the canteen must have their 'Parent Pay' account topped up.

- **BGE Interval – 10.35am**
- **Senior Phase Interval – 10.40am**
- **BGE lunchtime – 12.30pm**
- **Senior Phase lunchtime – 12.35pm**

This staggered approach will alleviate congestion in the canteen when pupils are queueing for their food. Senior pupils should gather in the assembly hall after break and lunch – SLT will then disperse. Finishing times for break and lunch will remain the same.

After pupils have collected their food, they will be encouraged to spend break and lunch outdoors. If the weather is poor, **S1 – S3** will have access to socially distanced seating areas in the **Dining Hall** and **S4 – S6** will be directed to the **Assembly Hall**.



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Entrance/Exit Arrangements

At the start of the day, the following arrangements will apply:

- S1 & S2 will enter from the Sandy Road steps.
- S3 & S4 will enter from the Cowshed steps.
- S5 & S6 will enter from the PE entrance.

SLT and Janitorial staff will be present at each entrance point to ensure that health and safety arrangements are adhered to.

As was the case before Christmas, the doors will open at 8.45am. Pupils should then go straight to their Registration class.

At the end of the day, BGE pupils will be dismissed 5 minutes earlier than the rest of the school. Once dismissed, pupils should leave the school building promptly – this will prevent any corridor congestion.

Timetable

In terms of face to face teaching, pupils will follow their **normal timetable** at the following times:

Week 1 - 15.03.21 – 19.3.21

Senior Phase (S4 – S6) Group A - Monday/Wednesday

Senior Phase (S4 – S6) Group B - Tuesday/Thursday

BGE Group 1 (S1-S3) - Monday

BGE Group 2 (S1-S3) - Tuesday

BGE Group 3 (S1-S3) - Wednesday

BGE Group 4 (S1-S3) - Thursday

Week 2 - 22.03.21 – 26.3.21

Senior Phase (S4-S6) Group A - Tuesday/Thursday

Senior Phase (S4-S6) Group B - Monday/Wednesday

BGE Group 1 (S1-S3) - Monday

BGE Group 2 (S1-S3) - Tuesday

BGE Group 3 (S1-S3) - Wednesday

BGE Group 4 (S1-S3) - Thursday

Week 3 – 29.03.21 – 1.4.21

Senior Phase (S4-S6) Group A - Monday/Wednesday

Senior Phase (S4-S6) Group B - Tuesday/Thursday

BGE Group 1 (S1-S3) - Monday

BGE Group 2 (S1-S3) - Tuesday

BGE Group 3 (S1-S3) - Wednesday

BGE Group 4 (S1-S3) – Thursday





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You will find details of which group your son/daughter is in on our School Website – this will be available from **lunchtime on Thursday**. You will receive a Groupcall with a **password** which will allow you to access the information that you need. Please contact the school office if you have any problems.

We will be using Friday mornings for bespoke provision, Masterclasses and enhanced support for those pupils in the Senior Phase who are working towards SQA qualifications. If your son/daughter is required to come into school on a Friday, they will be contacted via text – they will also be advised through their Google Classrooms.

Friday afternoons will replace our 'Wellbeing Wednesday' time and pupils/staff will be encouraged through Google Classrooms and other social media platforms, to engage in wellbeing activities conducive to positive Health and Wellbeing.

Uniform

As is the case with our other NAC secondary schools, **all** Irvine Royal Academy pupils will be expected **to wear school uniform** unless there is a genuine reason for this not being possible – please get in touch in advance of the return if this is an issue. All pupils should bring PE kit on the days in which they have PE. Social distancing will be applied when changing for activities.

Childcare Hub

Our Key Worker/Enhanced Support Hub will continue – pupils will be signposted to the new Hub area on arrival. Pupils attending the Hub should continue to enter through the main entrance.

Lateral Flow Testing

As you know, S4 – S6 can opt in to lateral flow testing. Any pupil in S4 – S6 who now wishes to opt-in, must return a consent form if they have not already done so. S1 – S3 will be issued with consent forms prior to the Easter break – kits will be distributed when we return.

I'm sure you will appreciate that the logistics around all of this have been very challenging. Throughout the period of the next three weeks, we will endeavour to ensure that we are able to deliver remote learning as best we can – it may however look slightly different than it has done over the last three months. I ask for your patience and support as we navigate through the next phase and in turn would ask that you reinforce the messages contained in this letter with your son/daughter.

Yours faithfully,

Lizzie Sloan

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Head Teacher



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