

St Margaret Mary's Secondary School Plan for March 2021

As you will be aware from recent Scottish Government updates pupils are expected to return to school week beginning 15 March 2021.

Our rationale is based on our core aim of being in touch with all pupils. Getting young people back in to a school routine and working with them directly on their blended learning model. While Digital Learning has developed and we as a school community have grown in confidence and aptitude with digital learning our school week allows for support and relationships to be established and enhanced through direct contact with our young people. We know that our blended learning model is not exclusively on line outwith school but is blended across various mediums.

For the period of time between the 15/03/21 and 01/04/21 our aspiration is to allow our young people to reconnect with their school community and be part of the nurturing experience that is St Margaret Mary's Secondary School.

Classrooms/Classes

We have assessed our teaching spaces and for the majority of classrooms we can safely accommodate 10 pupils and 1 teacher at a time in a room. We are creating classes in S1-2 which support positive learning environments whilst ensuring each child has someone they know in their class where possible.

Information for S1-S3

- Will attend for 2 period at a time (see timetable attached for dates)
- Must not arrive early, please arrive on time.
- On arrival please sanitise hands
- After sanitising hands please go straight to class
- Pupils will be allocated their own desk in each room they are in.
- S1-S2 will follow a broad curriculum covering all curricular areas, however we may have to introduce rotations to allow a full experience.
- Face mask must be worn at all times within the school building (exemptions applies)
- S1-S3 will not have a break, so no food required
- S1-S3 pupils should attend school in the PE kit (school hoodie, PE t-shirt, black joggers/leggings)

Information for S4-S6

- Will attend on regular basis from 8.50am-2.45pm (see timetable attached)
- Individual class teachers will be in touch directly with pupils if they are in school out with times on the timetables.
- Must not arrive before 8.50am
- On arrival please sanitise hands
- After sanitising hands please go straight to class
- Face mask must be worn at all times within the school building (exemptions applies)
- S4-S6 pupils will not be allowed out at lunchtime. Please bring a packed lunch or a lunch can be provided.
- On days they have PE, S4- S6 pupils should come to school in their PE kit (school hoodie, PE t-shirt, black joggers/leggings) uniform should be worn all other days.

Additional Important information

- Unfortunately our breakfast club will not be able to run whilst current restrictions apply..
- Maintain 2m social distance from all staff and pupils at all times
- NO lockers available
- If walking to school with friends please keep 2 meters apart
- Do not go to shops on the way to school
- Wipe down desk before / after use following a change of class – cleaning staff will clean desks throughout the day
- Avoid touching surfaces/objects unnecessarily – doors will be pinned back to reduce contact
- Demonstrate positive behaviour and follow all instructions.
- Leave school and return home straight away at the end of allocated learning session.
- Pupils cannot remain on school grounds

Extended Pupil Support - Our youth worker and school counsellor will remain very present in our school and your child will continue to have access to them. However, direct teaching time cannot be interrupted. Our extended pupil support team will meet with your child outwith teaching time.

Parents must give consideration to dropping off and picking up their child ie: not in the school building.

