

# Selkirk High School

Values in Action



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been nearly 5 months since your children were able to come to school. We have missed them very much and look forward to welcoming them all back on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August. Alongside our excitement and positivity we are also very aware of the responsibility we have to ensure everyone in the school community is safe.

Please have a look at the attached docs and the SBC website [www.scotborders.gov.uk/schoolreopening](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/schoolreopening) for a range of information about the re-opening of schools which applies to all schools in the Scottish Borders- and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

Below is some additional information about arrangements at Selkirk High School and, in particular, arrangements for the first day back Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August.

Information particularly relevant to our new S1 students is highlighted in blue.

## Drop Off and Pick Up

- The School Day begins at 8.50.
- Park and Stride: we ask all parents who drop students off by car to think carefully about a suitable place to do so. Entry to the car park is no longer permitted at the start and close of the school day (from 8.30-9am and from 3.30-4pm) other than in exceptional circumstances.
- We advise students to avoid walking alongside the A7, as far as possible, as the pavement is narrow.
- **S1 students may be dropped off by car at the school entrance for the first week; I'm afraid we have to ask parents not to pop in to the school.**
- Daily Breakfast Club: This will not be available but we hope to have this up and running soon.

## What do students do when they arrive at school?

- Students may enter the building as usual at the Junior End, the Main Entrance or at the Senior End opposite the Music School. Having three entrances has always reduced congestion at SHS which now has 400 students although the building was built for 650. We don't anticipate crowding at the start/close of the day but we will monitor this.
- On entering the building, students are expected to sanitise by using dispensers which are now available at all entrances and throughout the building.
- Having sanitised, students are expected to make their way to their RTL (Ready To Learn) class on arrival - see below.



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## First Day Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August: Ready To Learn

- On arrival, students are asked to make their way to their RTL (Ready To Learn) Class.
- **S1 Students will be escorted to their Ready To Learn Class.**
- **You will be notified of your Ready To Learn Class on Monday.**
- On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, RTL classes will explore our Ready Respectful Safe Policy. Students will have an opportunity to contribute to this and develop an understanding of their responsibilities and the new expectations re sanitising, social distancing from adults and keeping themselves and others safe.
- These messages will be emphasised at the start of every day in line with our Values In Action ethos.
- On Tuesday, students will also Receive Timetables and information about the school Day as well as
  - VIA Award
  - Health and Wellbeing survey
  - **Ties for S1 and S5**

## The School Day

- Each day begins with RTL (Ready to Learn) for 10 mins during which key information is shared and key messages are emphasised.
- **Intervals are staggered, allowing S1/2/3 students earlier access to toilets etc; use of outdoor space will be maximised during intervals. No snacks will be available at intervals and we recommend students bring a healthy snack to school each day.**
- **Lunchtimes: S1/2/3 students will have lunch at a different time from S4/5/6. Please see the timetables below.**

<b>BGE (S1-S3)</b>	<b>Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs</b>		<b>Friday</b>
<b>Ready to Learn</b>	8.50-9.00	<b>Ready to Learn</b>	8.50-9.00
<b>Period 1</b>	9.00-9.48	<b>Period 1</b>	9.00-9.48
<b>Period 2</b>	9.48 – 10.33	<b>Period 2</b>	9.48 – 10.33
<b>Interval</b>	10.33-10.51	<b>Interval</b>	10.33-10.56
<b>Period 3</b>	10.51-11.39	<b>Period 3</b>	10.56-11.44
<b>Period 4</b>	11.39-12.27	<b>Period 4</b>	11.44-12.32
<b>Lunch</b>	12.27-13.15	<b>Period 5</b>	12.32-13.20
<b>Period 5</b>	13.15-14.05		
<b>Period 6</b>	14.05-14.55		
<b>Period 7</b>	14.55-15.45		



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<b>Senior Phase (S4-S6)</b>	<b>Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs</b>		<b>Friday</b>
<b>Ready to Learn</b>	8.50-9.00	<b>Ready to Learn</b>	8.50-9.00
<b>Period 1</b>	9.00-9.48	<b>Period 1</b>	9.00-9.48
<b>Period 2</b>	9.48 – 10.36	<b>Period 2</b>	9.48 – 10.36
<b>Interval</b>	10.36-10.51	<b>Interval</b>	10.36-10.56
<b>Period 3</b>	10.51-11.39	<b>Period 3</b>	10.56-11.44
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## Lunchtimes

- Lunch for BGE and Senior Phase Students will be at different times as above.
- **At SHS, S1 students are not permitted 'down the town' at lunchtimes.**
- Please see SBC catering doc attached for details about school lunches and 'Grab and Go'.
- S2-S6 students have the privilege of going 'down the town' at lunchtimes but must be aware that national social distancing measures apply and they have to wear masks in shops and cannot enter shops in groups. Students unable to comply with these restrictions or who return late to school will have to remain in school at lunchtimes.

## Movement Around the School

- There will be no assemblies: key info will be delivered through morning RTL and Microsoft Teams
- Intervals are staggered and lunch for BGE and Senior Phase will be at different times.
- Teachers will be making use of outdoor space as much as possible.
- Double periods are maximised in the Senior Phase, reducing the need to move around the school.
- Where possible BGE classes will remain in the same room for non-practical classes, with the teacher moving- the timetable may change further to accommodate this.
- Keep Left: Students are asked to keep left when using corridors and stairwells.
- Movement between classes will be staggered by teachers to avoid corridor crowding.
- Every classroom and every Faculty has hand sanitiser and a supply of anti-viral wipes: students will be expected to take responsibility for the cleaning of their designated spaces at certain points during lessons and at the end and on departure and arrival in new classrooms.



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## College

- Students enrolled in College courses are expected to work from home on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 13.15.
- Should students be unable to leave school at this time, they must complete homelearning and college in a designated space at school which will be confirmed on Tuesday.

## Visiting the School

Parents and Carers must not hesitate to get in touch with the school!

However, restrictions apply to physical visits:

- Visiting the school is by appointment only and only if essential.
- Visitors are expected to sanitise on arrival and wear face masks.
- Meetings will be brief and socially distanced in spacious and well-ventilated areas.

The above is only a summary of some of the measures in place to enable the school to re-open. All measures will be continually reviewed over the course of next week to ensure we are doing all we can to support the Health and Wellbeing of everyone in the school community.

As ever, I am grateful for your support and understanding and I wish you the very best in the coming days.

Jamie Bryson

