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## **MORGAN ACADEMY**

### **Head Teacher's Update –15<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that this letter finds you well. We are really looking forward to welcoming our entire school community back following the Easter break. Below is some important information relating to our return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

#### **Morgan Academy priorities for term 4**

We remain focused on supporting the needs of our learners, families, and the school community in general.

As in the previous period of lockdown, we will maintain a strong focus on wellbeing and will share and encourage strategies and activities to support this at an individual and community level.

Within the Senior Phase (S4-6), we will ensure learning and teaching of course content continues for as long as possible, we will plan effectively to avoid unnecessary over-assessment and we will gather evidence of learning in a way and at a time that gives our young people the best chance to succeed.

#### **General Updates**

All students return to in-school attendance on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **The School day**

The school will return to normal operations of the school timetable from terms 1 & 2.

As a reminder, the start and end of the school day remains the same with a warning bell for entry at 0840hrs and the school day finish at 1540hrs (Mon-Wed) and 1450hrs (Thu-Fri).

S1-3 and S4-6 will continue to follow a split timetable, meaning staggered morning interval and lunch for these two groups.

## Entry to the building

We will be implementing a controlled entry process on our return to school. This is to ensure a flow of students and to avoid crowding as much as possible.

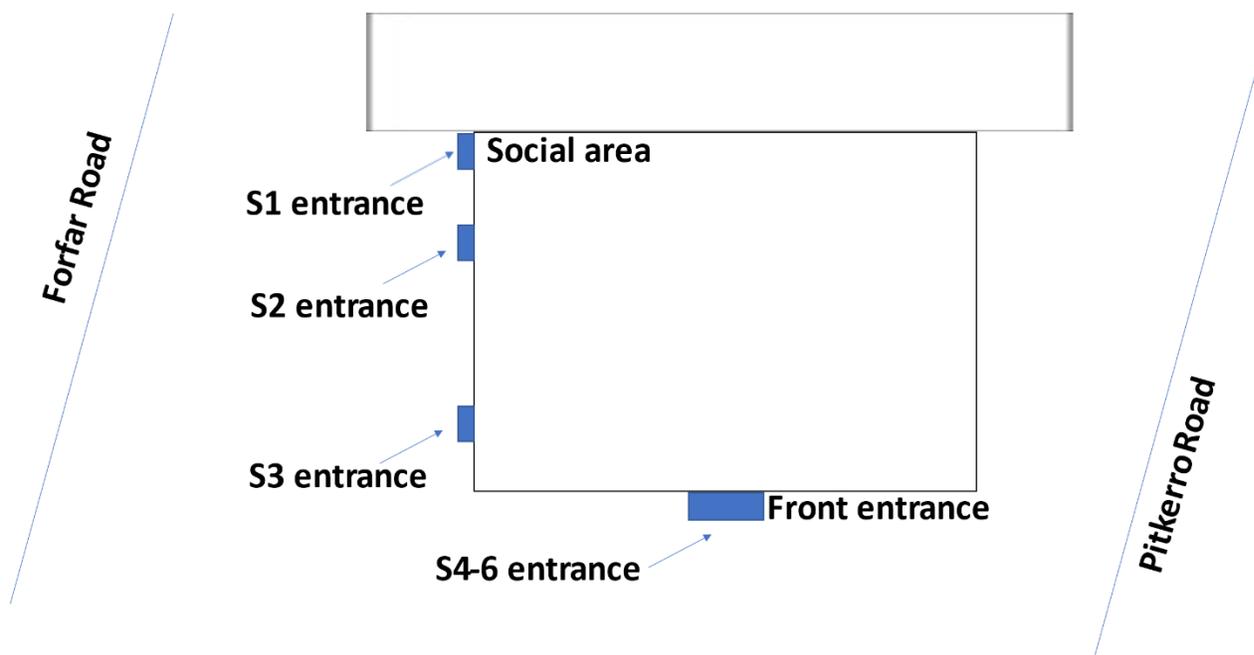
The warning bell at 0840hrs will signal entry with students being directed to enter via a specified entrance as outlined below.

S1 enter via West / Forfar Rd entrance 1 (student entrance to social area)

S2 enter via West / Forfar Rd entrance 2 (stairwell entrance to Business Studies 1/ Maths)

S3 enter via West / Forfar Rd entrance 3 (stairwell entrance to Business Studies 3/ Modern Studies)

S4, S5 & S6 – will enter the school via the front/main entrance.



Latecomers after 0850hrs will be directed to sign in at the school office.

These entrance arrangements will also be in place following interval and lunchtime.

## Mitigations

- All school staff and students are encouraged to participate in the asymptomatic testing programme. Consent forms (attached) and test kits will be available on entry to school. Quick and decisive action can be taken when cases are identified amongst students and staff.
- The one-way system remains in operation as do single direction stairwells.
- 2m distancing, while removed for student to student, remains in place for all adult to adult and adult to student interactions. Physical distancing between students is encouraged whenever practicable.
- Face coverings will be worn by all, except for those with exemptions. This applies to all areas of school.

- Use of hand-sanitisers and handwashing continue to play an important role in preventing the spread of infection.

## **Uniform**

Students are expected to wear full uniform including school tie and blazers if they have them.

The PE changing facilities will be in use in term 4. Students are reminded to bring PE kit with them on the days where PE is part of their timetable. At this time, a large stock of new PE kit, including black joggers and t-shirts are available from guidance at no cost.

## **Breakfast, morning interval and lunchtime arrangements**

Our breakfast club snack provision will be pick-up only and will be available for students on their entry to the building at each entrance.

Interval snack provision will be in place in the cafeteria and social area.

There will be a lunchtime pre-order and collection service available for students. Parents and carers are reminded to ensure that cards have sufficient funds by adding funds via Parent Pay.

All students will take interval and lunchtime out of doors and in fresh air. The school has invested in numerous newly installed picnic benches at the front of the building. Wet weather arrangements will be in place if required.

## **Term 4 key dates for the diary**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – All students return to school

Monday 3rd May 2021 - May Day holiday

Thursday 6th May 2021 – Inservice - There will no pupils in secondary schools on these days.

Monday 31 May 2021 - Victoria Day holiday

Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 June 2021 - these are additional assessment days for SQA work for secondary schools only. There will no pupils in secondary schools on these days.

Monday 7 June 2021 - change of timetable for secondary schools

Thursday 17 and Friday 18 June 2021 - Induction days for P7/S1 transition

## Support for community and wellbeing of all

A reminder that we are here to support you at this time.

See the link below for our click and collect and click and delivery service.

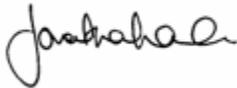
[What do you need?](#)

Our Give and Take table remains in place at the main entrance foyer. Leave any long-life food items you cannot use or want to donate – take any you can use or want to supplement your shop.

I look forward to welcoming all of our learners back to school.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's schooling, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We would love to hear from you, and we are here to help.

Yours sincerely



Johnny Lothian  
Head Teacher



**COVID 19 Testing – Consent Form**

This COVID 19 testing programme is being led by the Department for Health and Social Care and the Scottish Government to provide asymptomatic testing in schools for staff and senior pupils.

**Taking part in testing is voluntary.** There is no expectation or obligation to participate. Nobody should be required to undergo testing without consent, and nobody should be excluded from school if they do not wish to test.

Please read the following sections, complete the questions below and return this form to the school as soon as possible:

I have had the opportunity to consider the information provided to me by the school about this testing programme in the letter dated 19 February 2021. I have had the opportunity to ask any questions about the programme and, if I have, I have had these answered satisfactorily.

For parents/carers/guardians of under 16s: I have discussed the testing with my child and my child is happy to participate. If on the day of testing they do not wish to take part, then they will not be made to do so and consent can be withdrawn at any time ahead of the test.

- 1. I consent to participate/ my child participating in this testing programme.
- 2. I consent to my / my child's data being held in accordance with the terms in the data privacy notice.
- 3. I agree that if my / my child's test results are confirmed to be positive, I / my child will inform the school to support contact tracing.
- 4. I consent and agree to accurately recording all of my/my child's test results at [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result) or by calling 0300 303 2713.

YES	NO

**Name of Pupil:** (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Year group \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Parent/Guardian:**  
(PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_