

Dear Pupil,

Between 15th March and 1st April 2021, your year group will be invited into school on certain days to follow your normal timetable. The guidance sent to your parents/carers will tell you which days you are to come in to school. The main things for you to know are :

- each year group will have certain days when they attend school to follow their normal timetable
- mostly, these days will be for senior phase pupils (S4-6)
- you must observe 2 metres physical distancing between yourself, staff and other pupils/people
- this means classes will be split across different rooms
- if you are on a school bus, you must try to physically distance from other people
- on the days you are in school go to your year group's outside area (see below) and staff will direct you from there
- come prepared for learning in class as normal
- all pupils must wear a face covering throughout the day
- the mitigations in place prior to January 2021 continue

You have done really well so far with your remote learning. For the next three weeks you will now be doing **blended learning**. Information on how this works can be seen below :

Blended Learning at Braes High School

As outlined by the First Minister, between 15th March 2021 and 1st April 2021, learning will continue in Braes High School within a Blended Learning model. This will build on the impressive commitment and resolve shown by you, our pupils, as independent, enquiring learners within our remote learning offer.

We will have a significant number of teachers delivering learning to the young people in school on any given day, due to restrictions in place in school, however, it is important to us that you continue to have a productive and engaging learning experience at home.

To assist with any queries you may have, we have outlined below a list of most commonly asked questions, which will provide you with clarity about what you can expect during this period of blended learning.

What is Blended Learning?

Blended Learning is exactly as it sounds – it's a blend of learning that comprises face-to-face teaching in school with your class teachers as well as online learning from home. Every Braes High school pupil will spend some time in school each week before the Easter break.

What will it be like when I am back in school?

The main things to remember are to bring and wear your face covering as instructed, keep 2 metres apart from other people, including your fellow pupils, and wash or sanitise your hands at every opportunity.

Will I be taught by my class teacher?

The teachers you normally have will be the people leading and setting your learning. As classes need to be divided into smaller groups when you are in school, you might also be supported by another member of staff in completing your in-school activities, but it will be your class teacher who oversees and leads your learning.

Will the learning in class be different from before?

Not really. You will need to remember to keep 2 metres distance from other pupils and wear your face covering at all times but apart from that, you will be still moving on with your courses and carrying out activities as you normally would in class.

What learning do I do on the days when I am not in school?

Your teachers will continue to direct your learning and activities. Teachers may continue to provide instructions on your class Teams and when you are in school your teachers may give you instructions on what to do until the next time you are in school.

When should I do my learning at home?

Stick to your normal timetable. This will help keep up your routine.

What if I need help with my learning in between the days in school?

When in school, you will be set learning activities to complete when you are at home. Teachers will still continue to direct learning activities via Teams. It will be different from the current situation where teachers are 'virtually present' each period. The activities set will build on the learning that is taking place in class. You might find that teachers are unable to provide the same live interactions you are used to but they will continue to support you as much as possible alongside in school classes to progress your learning.

What kind of learning will I be doing when I am at home?

You will continue to be directed to different types of activities, some of these will require independent learning such as research tasks or practical activities and tasks that take you away from your online device such as personal reading or outdoor activities. You may also be asked to consolidate your learning through pre-recorded lessons or presentations, quizzes and revision tasks. Your teachers may also direct you to other sources of learning, where you can access materials, such as www.e-sgoil.com and resources through Education Scotland or Falkirk Council Blended Learning

The days you will be in school are as follows :

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Week beg 15/3/21	S4	S4	S5/6	S1/2	S3
Week beg 22/3/21	S5/6	S5/6	S4	S3	S1/2
Week beg 29/3/21	S3	S4	S5/6	S1/2	Holiday

If you have any questions please contact your Pastoral Head. We can't wait to see you all back in school!

The staff of Braes High School