



**Education Resources**  
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Dear Parent/Carer

## **August 2020**

We hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well.

Planning for our pupils to return to school in August continues. Further to the letter from Mr McDaid (Executive Director, Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council) on 16<sup>th</sup> June, we would like to provide an update regarding our plans for Lesmahagow High School.

In August, our pupils will be divided into two groups, with one group attending school at a time. The groupings will involve an alphabetical split, based on tutor groups (taking into account practical sets for S1 and S2 pupils), but with adjustments made to ensure siblings are together and there is a balance in numbers of pupils who rely on school transport. We will let you know if your child/children are in Group 1 or Group 2 next week.

Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August will be an in-service day. On Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August, we will welcome our Group 2 pupils for one day, whilst Group 1 students will work at home. Group 1 pupils will join us in school on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> August until Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August. During this time, Group 2 students will learn at home. Group 2 students will then return to school on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> August until Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> August and Group 1 students will work at home, as shown on the diagram overleaf. This pattern will continue until advice changes.

School will begin each day at 8.50 am and will finish at 3.35 pm Monday to Thursday and at 12.30 pm on Fridays. Each day, there will be three teaching sessions, each lasting 120 minutes. Session 1 will be periods 1-3, session 2 will be periods 4 and 5 and session 3 will be periods 6 and 7. Therefore, some periods are longer (periods 4 and 5 and periods 6 and 7), some are shorter (periods 1-3), but this ensures that all subjects receive an equal amount of teaching time across the week, with periods being 'blocked' together.

Tutor time has been removed meantime to remove the additional movement of pupils. Intervals will be staggered and will be during Session 1 or Session 2. There will be a health and wellbeing input at the beginning of the day on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week, which will be the start and finish of their week in school. Lunchtime will be from 12.50 pm – 1.35 pm, Monday to Thursday.

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Session Timings	Session 1	8.50 am – 10.50 am (120 minutes)				
	Session 2	10.50 am – 12.50 pm (120 minutes)				
	Lunchtime	12.50 pm – 1.35 pm (45 minutes)				
	Session 3	1.35 pm – 3.35 pm (120 minutes)				
	Intervals	Staggered within Session 1 and 2				
Week 1	Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Session 1	In School	Group 2 Session 6	Group 2 Session 9	Group 2 Session 12	Group 1 Session 1	Group 1 Session 4
	At Home	Group 1	Group 1	Group 1	Group 2	Group 2
Morning Session 2	In School	Group 2 Session 7	Group 2 Session 10	Group 2 Session 13	Group 1 Session 2	Group 1 Session 5
	At Home	Group 1	Group 1	Group 1	Group 2	Group 2
Afternoon Session 3	In School	Group 2 Session 8	Group 2 Session 11	Group 2 Session 14	Group 1 Session 3	
	At Home	Group 1	Group 1	Group 1	Group 2	
Week 2	Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Session 1	In School	Group 1 Session 6	Group 1 Session 9	Group 1 Session 12	Group 2 Session 1	Group 2 Session 4
	At Home	Group 2	Group 2	Group 2	Group 1	Group 1
Morning Session 2	In School	Group 1 Session 7	Group 1 Session 10	Group 1 Session 13	Group 2 Session 2	Group 2 Session 5
	At Home	Group 2	Group 2	Group 2	Group 1	Group 1
Afternoon Session 3	In School	Group 1 Session 8	Group 1 Session 11	Group 1 Session 14	Group 2 Session 3	
	At Home	Group 2	Group 2	Group 2	Group 1	

We will provide further information next week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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