

# MINTLAW ACADEMY

## Pupil Information V5 as at 31.08.20

If you are displaying any covid-19 symptoms you should not be attending school, please follow guidance from NHS Inform

School transport will resume a normal service, please ensure that any requests from the driver are followed

There is short term amended arrangements for pupil drop off outside the school building

Face coverings are not mandatory, but pupils can wear if required.

On arrival you will be aware of the one way system, please note markings on the floor, walls and directional signs. In addition to the 2-way movement along the corridor to music from the Drama door, the pathway that runs alongside Art/Technical Workshops will now become operational for 2-way movement.

The bells will be staggered at breaktime/lunchtime and at the end of the day. At these times pupils will be released as follows

1<sup>st</sup> Bell – S1 & S2

2<sup>nd</sup> Bell – S3 & S4

3<sup>rd</sup> Bell – S5 & S6

Pupils must maintain 2 metre distancing from staff **at all times**

Pupils are to remain on campus all day.

It is recommended pupils wear face coverings in corridors and communal areas across the school.

Pupils will be able to eat in the seated areas of the canteen and social area, and outside the building. Additional areas have been identified and detailed below:

Designated areas for year groups after 1.45/12.45pm

- S1/2 Social Area
- S3/4 Canteen
- S5 Learning Plaza (open area)
- S6 Learning Plans (S6 area), E2
- Overspill areas particularly for wet weather – S1/2 Drama 2, S3 F12, S4-6 rooms F5-F8

The Fusion app is available for placing orders from 3pm the day before until 9.30am the morning of. Orders placed via the Fusion App should be collected as follows:

S1-3 – collect in the social area

S4-6 – collect in the canteen.

S6 pupils will be permitted to trial the use of MaCBI for 1 week from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. This will be reviewed in due course in the hope that other year groups can be introduced.

Water fountains can be used to fill bottles only, you should not drink directly from them.

Pupils may be asked to wear face coverings in classes where the activity requires them. Wherever possible pupils will sit side by side, facing forward in class. Pupils will be asked to wipe down individual learning areas at the end of each lesson.

At the end of the school day, pupils are reminded to continue to exit following the one way system which should be as follows:

- From classes on Second and first floors of the main building pupils should exit via the front stairs which is the stairs leading down to the main entrance door of the school
- From classes in the E-Block, exit is via the fire exit door at the bottom of the extension down stairs.
- From classes in Music, PE, Drama and B-Block ground floor follow the corridor, via PE as appropriate, and exit via the B-Block door.
- From classes in B-Block 1<sup>st</sup> floor, exit down via stairs next to B15 and out B-Block.

Hand washing remains key to prevent the spread of the virus, hand sanitiser is available at various points across the campus. Please inform janitorial staff if soap dispensers in toilet areas require refill.

It is important in order to ensure the safety of pupils and staff that we work together to minimise risks and keep everyone safe.

#### **Guidance Staff:**

- Any pupil(s) who need to see their Guidance Teacher must email them directly and request for their PTG to arrange to come and see them. In the case of a Pastoral emergency, they should ask their class teacher to call the PTG and alert them of the need. Pupils should not simply be turning up at the guidance office unannounced.

#### **B19 Nurture HUB:**

- B19 will operate as usual, however any pupils who “drop in” may be asked to wait in the corridor until the room can be made safe for staff to socially distance from pupils appropriately.
- One to ones with Nurture HUB staff will continue as normal, but in larger rooms or outside in the garden and staff may be wearing PPE.

#### **Toilets:**

- The toilets at the end of the SLT corridor will now be gender neutral facilities, and no longer be separate male and female facilities.

#### **Information relating to PE**

- All practical PE lessons will be held outdoors, so please ensure you bring appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoors and varied weather. (You may be on the astro, grass or paths in/around Aden)
- The 2 small gyms have been turned in to temporary changing rooms to allow increased distancing for changing.
- Out with practical PE lessons, you will be expected to wear your normal school uniform.
- In cases of extreme weather, non-practical indoor learning will take place, the nature of this will depend on your course/class.

#### **S4 Info**

##### **NESCOL School Link Courses**

- Pupils who successfully secured a place on a Friday school link course received a college letter last term with details of changes to courses in light of Covid 19. At the moment there is no further update to this so the plan is that courses will officially start online from the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> September. You will not attend college at Fraserburgh until 30<sup>th</sup> October. In the meantime you should follow your timetable and attend school on Fridays. Arrangements will be put in place Friday period 1/2 for you to work on online college work – information will be posted on the TEAM.

- If you would like to change your college option to a school course then please email your Guidance teacher and Mrs Noble.

### **S5/6 info**

#### **Wider Achievement**

- Following the process to update choices this week pupils should continue to attend and register with their current Wider Achievement/Study teacher. New timetables will be issued the start of next week and Wider Achievement options will commence from 31<sup>st</sup> August.

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