

Colleagues,

Following the Scottish Government announcement earlier today about return to school arrangements I can confirm that in the Scottish Borders all young people will return on Tuesday 11 August. This applies to Early Years settings, Primary and Secondary schools and Enhanced Provision facilities.

Staff will return on either 10 August for the planned in-service day or on 11 August as directed by your Headteacher/Line Manager. (Please note that separate arrangements are in place for Jedburgh Grammar Campus, as is normal with the opening of any new school, with these details provided to relevant school staff separately by the Headteacher/Line Managers.)

It is vital to emphasise that this will not be a return to 'normal' and all schools will use the first week as an opportunity to provide a smooth transition for staff and pupils to the new arrangements and routines in place to ensure the safety of staff and pupils.

Please note that it is essential that school staff do not attend school if they or any member of their household has any COVID-19 symptoms.

In line with Scottish Government guidance, pupils will not have to social distance with each other and face coverings will not be required. However, every effort should be made to maintain 2m physical distancing between adults and between adults and children who are not from the same household.

Further detailed information and guidance on a range of matters will be issued from Monday 3 August to school staff.

You can access information, FAQs and all communications for school staff on school reopening plans at www.scotborders.gov.uk/staff

Regards
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