



## Parent Council FAQ



**Do you expect to have a number of staff absent with underlying health issues following government advice to self isolate?**

Yes. However, this is all planned for through EDC.

**Have you been offered more staff, even on a temporary basis?**

Yes. We have already secured a number of additional staff members. Please refer to the first question.

**Are any subjects or activities still under review or are we really going back to business as usual?**

We are aiming for a full curriculum. Health and safety may determine some activities are affected but no sense of widespread impact on subject provision.

**Will the canteen be open as usual on day one?**

Yes. We are awaiting detail of service to be provided.

**Given teachers have spent the past few months preparing for blended learning, will teachers be ready to reach the regular curriculum as soon as the school reopens?**

Yes, that is our aim.

**Do you envisage any special measures when school reopens - anything from protective screens for the staff as suggested by EIS to one way systems for corridors?**

We are awaiting further information from EDC and the Scottish Government.

**EIS general secretary Larry Flanagan called for in-service training days for 'risk assessments' plus 'health and safety mitigations' before kids are allowed back into classrooms. And in a letter to all 55,000 members, he said pupils may have to wear face masks.**

We are awaiting further information from EDC and the Scottish Government.

**How much notice would you now need to switch to 'blended learning'?**

We will be told of any proposed delay in full provision at the end of July. The school has contingency plans, as shared with parents on our website. This can be found by going to <http://www.bearsdenacademy.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/parents-info/updates/>

**Do you require volunteers to help in the first few days to ensure pupils understand the new procedures? Perhaps parents could help with ensuring pupils follow queuing and one way systems at the start of the day and at lunchtimes?**

This is a kind offer. We should be able to manage. We can review when we have EDC proposals and further instructions.

**Why do some schools do interactive video lessons, but EDC not? How about pre-recorded seminars?**

We develop our curriculum following EDC policy. Further information about our online learning can be found on our website.

**When will we know if it's blended learning or full time? If blended - will it be the same plan as before?**

As mentioned above, we will know by the end of July. Further information can be found at This can be found by going to <http://www.bearsdenacademy.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/parents-info/updates/>

**Can pupils repeat a year?**

There should be no need for this. Where there are concerns, we will meet with parents/carers and assess perceived issues.

**Can you send an email to reassure kids with additional support needs (ASN)?**

We have communicated regularly with parents/carers and young people. Where parents are concerned, they should contact the school office and provide details.

**Can you send emails out with expected dates of decisions even if you don't have much info to transmit? (Parents value comments even if there is little to say)**

This is the intention. We will provide information and further details before the end of July.

**When will pupils return to Bearsden Academy?**

All pupils are due to return on 12 August unless we are advised otherwise by EDC. Further information will be provided towards the end of July.

**Will the teachers wear PPE?**

EDC will advise.

**Will we go back to blended learning when / if the second wave comes.**

We will follow guidelines provide by EDC and Scottish Government.

**Will S1 and S3 receive reports?**

Due to the lockdown situation, and with school closures, it was not possible to access our system for writing reports. We are currently looking at timing of reports for the coming session, and further information will be available in due course. Year Heads for each year group are happy to respond to any queries from parents/carers with regard to learning for their son/daughter.

**What will happen with Parents nights?**

We are reviewing this and will provide an early update.