



22/03/2021

**S5/6 Non-contact periods, study periods, College Courses & Foundation Apprenticeships**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your son/daughter back into school full time after the Easter break. We are currently making plans to make this a smooth process and would like to re-offer you the opportunity to allow your son/daughter to study offsite at key points within their week.

A number of young people and families found this to be a very positive opportunity prior to Christmas and some of the reasoning behind this was:

- Some pupils find it difficult to access an online course with other students in the same room, many undertaking different courses at the same time
- Students may wish to use ICT equipment they have at home rather than using the school system or bringing in a mobile, tablet or other ICT device to carry out the work on
- Based on recent experience, some pupils may feel better able to study at home

Currently, we believe that Dumfries & Galloway College courses will continue with online delivery until further notice. As soon as we have further details, we will be in touch regarding the students returning to school or being transported to Dumfries.

If any S5/6 student has a 'blank' or non-contact period, allocated study class or are currently studying a College Academy Course or Foundation Apprenticeship through Dumfries and Galloway College, they could with your permission study at home. We are therefore proposing to allow students offsite study if you wish them to engage. However, once the form has been submitted, this must be adhered to – we are not able to operate a signing in/out system to avoid cross-contamination. If intending to be here, pupils must be here. If intending to study from home, that must happen. We will pre-mark our attendance system and need accuracy for safety (especially fire-safety). Students must be in school for all other classes.

Please complete our online form using the following link by 3.30pm on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021**. After this time it will be assumed that the student will remain in school full time. This system would start from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (straight after the Easter break).

<https://bit.ly/2ONZvws>

Yours sincerely,