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Cryffe High School, Level 1, 2020-2023



Dear Pupils and Parents/Carers

I wish you the very best in 2021 and I really hope it will be one where we overcome the present circumstances and can get back to enjoying both life and school.

I promised an update on Wednesday 6 January, however following the recent announcements I thought I would get an early update to you. I will provide another update on Friday 8 January, detailing delivery of online learning starting on Monday 11 January. The following link is also an update from Steven Quinn, Director of Children's Services in Renfrewshire Council www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/schoolsupdate-0501

The school is open from tomorrow for staff, and from Thursday will be supporting children of key workers. Staff and senior pupils will be organising some additional resources for pupils: individualised work for some pupils, with a number of pupils getting packs delivered to their doors, and general packs of resources like jotters, pens, rulers, paper, etc. Some S6 pupils have offered to deliver packs on request, or packs/resources can be picked up from the school.

I will be meeting with staff over the next few days in order to re-establish our key focus areas for the weeks ahead:

➤	Keep effective lines of communication open between all staff, with weekly 'check ins' as appropriate.	
➤	Support vulnerable pupils and children of key worker parents/carers from Thursday 7 January.	
➤	Ensure that pupils are able to be in contact with their teachers in order to have support, via Glow Teams, SMHW, emails, etc.	
➤	Create online resources, for each subject, for S1, S2 and S3 pupils to support learning at home.	
➤	Create online resources, for each subject, for S4 pupils to support learning at home. Identify possible next steps for S4 pupils based on their recent assessments.	
➤	Create online resources, for each subject, for S5 and S6 pupils to support learning at home. S5&S6 were expecting to be returning to assessments starting Thursday 21 January. I would suggest that these assessments are rescheduled to start on Thursday 11 February. Consideration to how pupils prepare for them.	

I would ask that **ALL** pupils consider creating their own 'routines' and do their very best to complete work set by their teachers, starting on Monday 11 January. I would also emphasise that pupils should work at their pace - if they miss what they see as a deadline then that is okay, just email their teacher and let them know. The main thing is that pupils continue with routines as much as possible, work at their pace, make returns when they have managed the tasks, **and keep positive in their learning.**

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As much as we try and meet the needs of all our pupils this can sometimes be difficult for a variety of reasons. Staff will be using a variety of means to communicate with pupils, and to encourage them to complete work. In week two we will contact a number of parents to ask how things are going, and if we can do anything further to support them. Should you feel we could support you more, or in a different way, then please contact either the appropriate Year Head or the appropriate Pupil Support Principal Teacher and we will do the very best we can.

Life is so different at the moment, and I believe some of our pupils may be finding this understandably difficult to deal with. Our most important focus as always is the health and wellbeing of our pupils, as without that positive outlook then things can seem just so much harder.

If any pupil is finding things a little difficult, or just wants to talk, then please make the effort to contact one of us. We are here for you, and as I hope you know **CARING** always comes first.

Contact details of Senior Management Team and Pupil Support staff

<p>Senior Management Team:</p> <p>S1, S6 Mrs Brown gw07brownangela3@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>S2 Ms Dhesi gw07dhesisara@glow.sch.uk Ms Dhesi will now be the Year Head for S2 pupils</p> <p>S3 Mr Christie gw16christiekevin@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>S4, S5 Mrs Skillen gw07skillenann@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Mr Taylor gw07taylorscott3@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Mr Johnson gw09johnsoncolin@glow.sch.uk</p>	<p>Principal Teachers Pupil Support: Attainment</p> <p>Ms Dhesi gw07dhesisara@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Mr Anderson gw14andersonchristo2@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Principal Teachers Pupil Support: Guidance</p> <p>Burns House Mrs Carmichael gw17carmichaelshelle@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Fleming House Mr Clark gw07clarkjames5@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Mackintosh House Mr Findlay gw12findlayadam@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Wallace House Miss Holmes gw13holmeshannah2@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Principal Teacher Pupil Support: Support for Learning: Miss Brown gw07brownfiona6@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Principal Teacher Pupil Support: Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion: Mrs Costello gw13costellosheena@glow.sch.uk</p>
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Please look after yourselves, and your family and friends wherever possible. I will provide another update on Friday 8 January.

Take care.

Mr Colin Johnson
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