



# GRYFFE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Pupils and Parents/Carers (Existing S1, S2 and S3 pupils)

I hope this update finds both you and your family well and staying safe.

Presently our S1, S2 and S3 pupils are getting work set for them, with most pupils engaging well. A few pupils have talked about the amount of work being set. I would like to emphasise that pupils should work at their pace, if they miss what they see as a deadline then that is okay, just email and say that. 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.

Over the next few weeks we will be contacting pupils and parents/carers of pupils who still do not seem to be engaging with the work being set in order to discuss possible strategies for improvement – i.e. collecting a pack of work created, as we did before, at the Houston and Killellan Church, Houston, or discussing any other strategies that would support their child in engaging. Pupils who do not keep up with work set may find it extremely difficult to reach their true potential on the return to school and in the continuation of course work.

*If you, or anyone else you are aware of, are unable to access on-line resources for your child then please pick up ready made packs which we have left at Houston and Killellan Church, Houston, 01505 612 569 or email [gnoonan@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:gnoonan@churchofscotland.org.uk)*

*More packs, with fresh materials, can be made on request – via your Pupil Support Guidance Teacher.*

We are also trying to finalise our timetable for next session, which in turn will allow us to create our subject classes and therefore the soon to be new S3 and new S4 pupils will be able to concentrate on the subjects they chose in the Option Choice process in March. This, as I hope you will appreciate, is a little harder to complete as we are unable to have our usual quick discussions with both staff and pupils/parents/carers which would normally fix an issue i.e. a course cannot run due to small uptake and as such there needs to be discussion with staff/pupils/parents/carers in order to pick another subject and then be placed in a class register in order to get access to work being set. We will create our timetable and next week be in contact with some individual pupils/parents/carers where there has been an issue and as such changes need to be made. **Meanwhile, there should be little difference for the present S1, S2 and S3 work until we have things finalised – so please keep routines and get through the work being set.**

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## Update on Activities Week May 2020

The school is working with Renfrewshire Council and its Insurers to claim for all monies already paid to Tour Operators as deposits for each residential trip for all pupils involved. This process may take some time. In the short term we intend to refund all payments made via Parentpay over and above the deposits already paid to Tour Operators. **This will effectively allow us to give a partial refund to parents/carers soon** and hopefully our insurance claims will be successful and we can refund the remaining deposits at a later date when all claims are settled. **For non-residential trips, no deposits have been paid as yet and therefore we are able to refund everything that has been paid at this stage.** When refunds are made via Parentpay this will lodge funds back into Parentpay accounts. Parents/carers will still require to log into their Parentpay accounts to put the funds back on to their respective credit/debit cards. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school by emailing [gryffehighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:gryffehighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

As always please feel free to contact me should you wish any further information and please stay safe and keep healthy in both body and mind.

Mr Colin Johnson  
Head Teacher

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