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Dear S1 S2 and S3 Parents/Carers

In my previous update on Thursday I informed you about the announcement to close schools on Friday 20 March. We understand that this will cause a disruption to the normal pattern of learning for your child or young person and want to do all we can to support them.

Previously I stated:

- Creating online resources for all year groups and all classes in all subjects ... *this is well underway, with some more detail on the next page. We would also suggest that pupils try and follow their normal timetable as far as possible, albeit at home, for completing work, that way they have a routine to follow.*
- Ensuring that pupils know the best means of communication open to them for support in work set by staff. Most likely via Glow Teams, Show My Homework..... etc
- Asking pupils if they have access to Glow and ensuring that they know how to log on ... *I checked with pupils at their assembly on Friday, and almost all stated that they had access to their Glow account and knew exactly how to log on.*
- Creating systems where pupils will be able to be in contact with their teachers in order to have continuous support. ... *as above, pupils can do this via Glow, Glow Teams and SMHW.*
- Creating a contact detail page of the Senior Management Team and Pupil Support staff in order that clear lines of communication can be established ... *shown on page 3.*

Vulnerable pupils and children of front line service parents/carers

The school will also be open to identified vulnerable pupils and to pupils whose parents work in front line services. I will manage these pupils, watch over them and support them, and ensure they have access to all appropriate resources to enable them to follow work set by their class teachers. **Any pupil coming into school must be in full uniform, and must enter and leave through the main exit, signing in and out.**

We are making full use of digital tools and online learning resources such as Glow. Glow is free to all children and young people can access them using their Glow login and password; it can be accessed anytime, anywhere and on any device. Once on, they will be able to work on their own or link and work with their classmates. Some of the Glow tools which they may use are:

- Microsoft Teams
- Google Classroom
- Glow blogs
- SMHW- Show My Homework

These tools will allow pupils to view suggested homework tasks, follow a set of instructions and complete work assigned by their teacher(s).



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You can find out a little more about how each of these tools work using the links below:

Microsoft

<https://support.office.com/en-us/article/remote-learning-with-office-365-guidance-for-parents-and-guardians-89d514f9-bf5e-4374-a731-a75d38ddd588>

Google Classroom

<https://edu.google.com/products/classroom/>

Glow Blogs

<https://glowconnect.org.uk/about-glow/glow-for-parents/>

In Renfrewshire, as is all other local authorities, we have an Acceptable Usage Policy that is shared with all children and young people at the start of the school session. The key points from it are listed below for you and it might be an idea to remind your child or young person of the need to stick to the policy when using digital platforms like Glow for learning and schoolwork. This will ensure they stay safe and keep others safe while online.

- I will always be polite and will not use bad language.
- I will remember that anything I do can usually be traced back to me.
- I will not access, create, store or distribute files that could be thought of as offensive or indecent, or that harasses or insults others.
- I will not share my personal details or any personal information about other people (home address, phone number etc) in emails, on the internet or with other people.
- I will only send emails to people I know, or my teacher knows.
- I will not arrange to meet people I talk to online.

Even at this very early stage, a few pupils have already abused the system and treated it like one of their own social media friendship groups... the individuals have since been warned. We ask for your support in our use of technology via this educational medium, and if abused by any pupil we will contact parents/carers, and if need be remove all the access privileges to that individual pupil.

I apologise for the length of this update, and I understand how anxious a time this is for you. This information relates to an unprecedented way of working, but we want to continue to support all children in their learning throughout this period in whatever way we can and hope that you find this helpful.

As usual, please feel free to contact me at school should you wish me to explain anything in further detail.

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Head Teacher

- over for contact details of Senior Management Team and Pupil Support staff



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Contact details of Senior Management Team and Pupil Support staff

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