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Gryffe High School, Level 1, 2020-2023



Dear S1, S2, S3 Pupils and Parents/Carers

The recent announcement from the First Minister, that **some Senior School Pupils will return to school**, to complete critical practical work in week beginning Monday 22 February, has certainly given us a challenge. However, our 'alternative timetable' will help us in this, and we are confident that we can deliver a safe learning environment for those senior pupils to complete critical practical SQA work.

We continue to do all that we can to support all our pupils in all of our subjects. Pupils in S1, S2 and S3 will be continuing with their online learning, as will most of our S4, S5 and S6 pupils.

It is so important that we can keep S1, S2 and S3 pupils engaged in their learning and that we encourage pupils to keep to their routines, including being prompt for the start of online lessons and keeping in contact with teachers, including their Guidance teacher. Should any pupil, or parent/carer, wish to contact us, for support/advice on online learning, or just for a chat about wellbeing and keeping positive, then please see page 3 for contact details of appropriate staff.

Calendar/Reports

We are making adjustments to our calendar on an ongoing basis.

Over the remainder of February and March we will continue to focus on Learning and Teaching, including continuing to cover our curriculum.

- S1** We continue to work through our programme of online learning and do not see significant changes in this. We are trying hard to keep our pupils engaged and know that their Wellbeing is vitally important. That being said, we would ask all parents/carers to help us, especially in the 3 Wellbeing blocks, by encouraging your child to get out in the fresh air, complete the challenges and send us some detail in order that we can publish some of them.
- S2** We aim to still issue S2 Reports on Wednesday 10 March. These reports will be online, and to access them you need to register via Parent Portal. Instructions are on page 2. At the moment, we are still aiming to provide a recorded online presentation at 7:00 pm on Thursday 11 March, with a facility to send in questions and receive quick responses on the night.
- S3** Reports were issued on Monday 25 January. Mr Christie sent a PowerPoint to S3 parents/carers, with video inserts, where he talked through the options process. Over 140 S3 pupils have completed their final 'S3 into S4' Options form and we are actively engaging with those still to complete the process.

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Additional Resources

Some Departments have asked pupils to collect materials from the school, and some pupils may need general packs of resources like jotters, pens, rulers, paper, etc. These resources can be collected from the outside door that leads into the S6 social area – next to the main entrance. It is clearly marked as the collection point.

We would ask that pupils/parents/carers please **collect from there any time, Monday to Friday, between 3:00 – 4:00 pm.**

Parent/Carer survey regarding online learning.

The local authority issued a survey to parents/carers regarding online learning, and as a school we have been given a copy of comments from Gryffe parents/carers. We thank so many of you for your very positive comments; however we also wish to pick up on anything that we can improve on. A few comments stated lack of IT or Wi-Fi, and a few talked about little individual support for pupils' wellbeing. **Could I please ask parents/carers to contact us about any concerns and see if we can work together in solving them?** The survey was anonymous so we can't contact anyone who raised a concern. **Please email us, or phone us, and we will do our very best to support in whatever way we can.** Contact details of Senior Management Team, Pupil Support staff and Subject Faculty Heads can be found on page 3 of this update.

Please continue to take care and stay safe

Mr Colin Johnson
Head Teacher

Parent Portal **You need to register for this if you wish to receive an online copy of your child's report.**

We would strongly recommend that parents/carers register. Please note it may take a few days for your request to be processed, so please register as soon as possible. We would suggest that all parents/carers register now as you will all be receiving reports at some point over the coming weeks/months.

In support of Renfrewshire Council's ambition to provide better communications between parents/carers and our school, we are excited to launch **Parentsportal.scot** - an exciting new initiative which enables and creates a digital relationship between parents, pupils and the school. The portal is designed to replace the 'schoolbag run', giving parents online access to a range of school-related services. At the heart of the system, is a secure online account through **mygov.scot** which is referred to as a 'My Account'. This is already used in over half of Renfrewshire schools enabling parents to make payments online. As the portal develops, we look forward to seeing more services introduced in the coming months. On signing up to the portal, you will be able to link to your child and gain access to the services which are currently available. In order to link to your child, the data you provide during the sign-up process must match the most up-to-date data that the school holds for your child. Please be aware that the data you enter must match exactly with what we hold, or you will get an error message. If you get an error message then please contact the school office – please do not keep trying as it then sends multiple errors....

If you need any help with this, please contact the school who will be able to help you. Parent Portal also allows you to have a direct link to Parentpay. **Another feature is that you can access your child's reports and attendance data for the current session and also your child's timetable for school.**

Please click on the link below to get started: <http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/schools/parentsportal>

After you have registered there is a process where school staff require to approve your registration. This may take a couple of days to process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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If any pupil is finding things a little difficult, or just wants to talk, then please 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 gw07taylorsscott3@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 Mr Anderson gw14andersonchristo2@glow.sch.uk Mrs Carmichael gw17carmichaelshelle@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Principal Teacher Pupil Support: Achievement</p> <p>Miss lafrate gw10iafrateannette@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Principal Teachers Pupil Support: Guidance</p> <p>Burns House Mrs O'Hare gillian.ohare1@renfrewshire.school 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:</p> <p>Miss Brown gw07brownfiona6@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Principal Teacher Pupil Support: Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion:</p> <p>Mrs Costello gw13costellosheena@glow.sch.uk</p>
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