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Gryffe High School, Level 1, 2020-2023

Dear Pupils and Parents/Carers

The first week of our 'alternative' timetable seems to have gone really well, albeit we, as the rest of the country, had some issues with Microsoft Teams. We are continually trying to learn, adapt and offer the best possible online learning experience that we possibly can.

From feedback from the children of key workers, who are in school, and from many emails we have received, we believe we are offering a mixture, across nearly all subjects, of: live lessons; recorded lessons; voice talk over presentations; video clips or live introductions and subject teacher support during the full allocated time. Teachers will post notifications of learning activities on Show My Homework (Satchel One) as this app is the easiest way for parents/carers to see what work is available for pupils.

The 4 slots, each lasting 1 hour 10 minutes, again seems to be engaging more pupils. Built into this time are 3 Wellbeing slots – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 – 3:40 pm..... where pupils are set simple tasks/challenges each week. We expect to build on this next week. Pupils should look out for the new Wellbeing block detail about to be uploaded on Monday.

There is a Parent Council Meeting on Monday 18 January, where we will ask for feedback on how this 'alternative' timetable has worked.

Calendar/Reports

We are making slight adjustments to our calendar on an ongoing basis. However, we are trying our very best to stick as close as possible to the existing timescales.

- S5/6 Prelims** have been moved to start on Thursday 11 February. Should pupils not return to school on Monday 1 February then we will adjust this date as appropriate. I am in frequent discussion with the local authority regarding to SQA matters, and we will ensure that our pupils are in the best possible position to achieve their best.
- S4** completed their first assessment diet in December. Each Department will ensure that individual pupils receive their results across next week, so not all at once. The actual S4 Report will be issued, one day later than planned, on Friday 29 January. These reports will be online, so to access them you need to register via Parent Portal. Instructions are on page 3.
- S3** Reports will be issued, one day later than planned, on Friday 22 January. These reports will be online, so to access them you need to register via Parent Portal. Instructions are on page 3.
- S2-S5** We are working on our Option Choice process, with the aim of doing this, like everything else, online. Again, we hope to follow our original timescales, with possibly slight adjustments. Further detail on this will be issued soon.
- S1** We continue to work through our programme of online learning. Unfortunately, the HPV immunisation Programme will now be postponed until later in the session.

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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, as we did previously, 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.**

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. 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 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</p> <p>Mr Anderson gw14andersonchristo2@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Mrs Carmichael gw17carmichaelshelle@glow.sch.uk</p> <p>Principal Teachers Pupil Support: Guidance</p> <p>Burns House Mrs O'Hare gillian.ohare1@renfrewshire.school</p> <p>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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If you have ANY doubts/questions regarding any of the detail within this update then please contact us and give us the opportunity to explain. We are always happy to discuss/consider any ways to make improvement.

Take care

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Parent Portal

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

With our S3 and S4 Reports about to be issued via the Parent Portal 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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