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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Closure Update

Happy New Year all, I hope that you managed to have a restful break.

I have now met with the local authority, senior school leaders and principal teachers. We held a whole staff meeting online this morning to discuss strategies to provide online learning and to support our learners throughout this current lockdown.

We are aware that everyone, including staff members, will face different challenges during this time and some of us will be more able to meet these challenges than others. The provisions we are putting in place are designed to help our young people maintain their learning and to provide structure and some semblance of 'normality' to their weekdays. We want this provision to be seen as a support mechanism and we will do everything possible to support families throughout this time. Our Depute Head Teachers, Guidance Teachers and I will be available to assist any child or family that is experiencing difficulty, for whatever reason, in accessing online learning. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at david.fyfe@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

Online learning will start on Monday 11 January at 9am. Personal Support teachers will be online in the newly created Google Classrooms and will take a register. You will have received a message with the Personal Support classroom code and these have also been placed on the school website <http://bit.ly/PSClassroomCode>. This page also has links to advice on mental health and wellbeing, guides to using Google Classroom and other useful resources to support online learning.

Please encourage your child to use the guides and test their access to their Personal Support classroom before Monday so that they can be marked present at 9am. I will monitor emails throughout the weekend and try to assist with any problems. If your child does not register, you will receive the standard text message;

[pupil name] did not register at school this morning [date] please reply with a reason'

If your child is ill and cannot join their Google Classroom, a message to this effect would be very helpful. For any other reason, you should not feel obliged to respond. We want this online provision to be seen as supportive and not as another source of anxiety. We know that it may take some time for our young people to get into the habit of learning from home within structured times. We will make contact if your child misses several Personal Support classes. We are here to support you and your child.



Senior Phase learners (S4-6) will follow their timetables after their Personal Support class. Teachers are aware of the expectation for regular 'live' lessons to take place. Work will also be assigned through Google Classroom with completion dates.

After their Personal Support class, Broad General Education learners (S1-3) will begin work that has been issued via Google Classroom. 'Live' lessons will begin to take place for S1-3 as soon as teachers and learners have prepared themselves for the same level of participation expected in Senior Phase. In the meantime, please encourage your child to follow their timetables as closely as they can, for example, complete the work for each subject they have on that day of the week. Teachers will advise how to 'chunk' their work during the week.

If your child does not know their timetable, please email for a copy to be sent to you. The times of the school day can be found at the foot of this letter along with information on using gaming devices to access Google Classroom. If you have not yet consented to Google Guardian, I would urge you to do so. The previous message requesting this has been resent. The more information you have about work being assigned, the better we can work together to support your child.

Our code of conduct to maintain high standards of behaviour and online safety remain in place. All learners have signed our acceptable usage policy. Please remind your child of the need to observe the same standards of behaviour expected in school during whilst attending 'live' Google Meet lessons. **Please also note that attendance to online lessons is strictly limited to your child.**

Whilst we cannot reasonably expect our young people to complete the same amount of work they would cover had they been in school, it is our aspiration to achieve as close to this as possible. Some subjects, particularly in practical classes, will find delivering online lessons very challenging and we will do everything possible to mitigate this. We are not yet aware of arrangements for SQA certification, but I will let you know details as soon as we have more clarity.

If your child feels any anxiety about the amount of work being issued or any other aspect of online learning, please reassure them that we will be very sympathetic and supportive. However, it is important that they get in touch with their teacher, guidance teacher or Head of Year so that appropriate supports can be put in place.

Some subjects have asked that I bring your attention to some of the work they will be continuing during this period.

Physical Education

The Physical Education Department will continue to provide suitable activities and challenges for pupils to be active throughout this time as I am sure you will all agree keeping our youngsters active is of great importance not only to their physical health but their mental health too. These tasks will be set on google classroom along with challenges on the PE Department Instagram page at **cgspe**



Social Subjects

All of S3 will still be taking part in the Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI). Pupils have been invited into a specific YPI Google Classroom by Miss Rigney. This is an opportunity for pupils to make a real difference in their local community, especially given the current circumstances, by working together and with local charities to win £3000 for that charity. I hope you will all engage with this and support each other and the local community in uncertain times.

Finally, I have attached advice for pupils and parents/carers during home learning and protocols for home learning agreed by the local authority. I would urge you to read through these and ensure that you and your child are fully aware of what is required of everyone in relation to online learning.

Thank you for bearing with me through this long letter. Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance if it is required. I have been conscious throughout writing that we do not want to add to any anxiety. We are here to support our young people and their families and we will do everything possible to help everyone get through this difficult time.

Yours faithfully,



David Fyfe



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Personal Support 09.00 - 09.15

Period 1 09.15 – 10.00

Period 2 10.00 – 10.45

Interval 10.45 – 11.00

Period 3 11.00 – 11.45

Period 4 11.45 – 12.30

Period 5 12.30 – 13.15

Lunch 13.15 – 14.05

Period 6 14.05 – 14.50

Period 7 14.50 – 15.35

For Xbox users:



1. Turn on Xbox One and launch Edge*
2. Enter the URL <https://glow.rmunify.com>.
3. Once loaded enter you or your child's username (this will be the part before @glow.sch.uk).
4. Enter the password.
(Optional) You can choose to save the username and password on the browser for easier access next time.
5. Follow this link for a useful video tutorial:
<https://youtu.be/rWTwAflKbkU>

*If your console doesn't have the Edge browser, it can be downloaded in your Store.

For PlayStation users:



1. Turn on PS4 and launch Internet Browser (Select Library, then Applications, as shown.)
2. Enter the URL <https://glow.rmunify.com>.
3. Once loaded enter you or your child's username (this will be the part before @glow.sch.uk)
4. Enter the password
5. Follow this link for a useful video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/mHTHaXhccDE>



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