



Dear Parent/Carer,

As the usual firework events will not be going ahead, Firework Safety have contacted the school to request that we work together to keep our young people safe around fireworks and bonfires. We need young people to think about #Fireworksafety and be safe, kind and smart.

### Calendar of events:

- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November-S4 reports**
- **W/C 16<sup>th</sup> November- Virtual Careers week**
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November-S3 tracking report**
- **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December-S1 tracking report**



### Closing the gap and raising attainment

Fantastic week with learners staying behind for additional support from all year groups. Reminder to S2 learners that support is available on a Tuesday evening. Let's keep encouraging learners to attend.

### Health and safety

Our S4, S5 and S6 learners have demonstrated their leadership and resilience again this week by adapting to the new protocols and wearing their face coverings in classes. Thank you for your support.



A reminder that we always follow advice from Public Health when we are contact tracing. Public Health confirm the timescale and procedures. Your child may be in a class with a learner that tests positive, this does not mean they are a confirmed close contact. If your child is self-isolating and you qualify for a free school meal you can contact 0141 577 3575.

### Canteen

If any parent has forgot to top up your child's funds via Parent Pay, they can still access food from the canteen. Your child should collect a slip from the school Office and can then join the front of the queue. We have shared the processes with learners again during their Pastoral period.

### Remembrance Day

In view of the announcements made by the Scottish Government, East Renfrewshire Council is proceeding with the filming of a very short virtual service in advance, instead of the normal service at Cowan Park. Barrhead High will be planning activities for learners to commemorate the fallen and the significance of their sacrifices. This will be on a much smaller scale than normal, however the arrangements been made will reflect the importance of this event.

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### Contingency planning



We continue to plan for all contingencies. Learners were issued with a timetable and letter previously to explain blended learning approaches. We would update all parents and carers if required.

We have also planned for full lockdown. A timetable would be issued to parents to share when work for each subject would be uploaded and when staff would be available to support learners online for each subject area.

We hope that we are not faced with either situation, however we are well prepared if anything changes.

### Parental engagement

As we are not able to organise our usual community events or workshops to support family learning. We are keen to trial some virtual sessions to support home learning and health and wellbeing. Can you please complete this brief survey to ensure we consider your views. Click [here](#)

### Parent Portal

If you have not managed to sign on to the Parent Portal can I ask that you contact the school Office and we will support you to login. This will ensure you can access reports and relevant letters.

### Pupil achievements

We continue to focus on what really matters at Barrhead High, celebrating achievements and promoting wellbeing. Please click on the [link](#) to celebrate pupil achievements. Fantastic achievements also on Twitter.

Best wishes,

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