



Barrhead High School



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you had some time to relax with your young people at the weekend.

At Barrhead High we continue to be consistent in our approach and to think ahead to get it right for all our learners. We are working on our contingency plans and will adapt based on any further announcements.

We know some of our families are facing challenges, you can access support and advice from <https://www.cas.org.uk/bureaux/east-renfrewshire-citizens-advice-bureau>. As a community, our Parent Council members are also considering ways we can support families. Remember you are not alone.

Calendar of events

We will continue to review dates. Meanwhile, reminder of dates in February:

- S4 Curriculum choices with Pastoral Teacher- Thursday 11th Feb 2021, 10-3pm
- S2 Parents' information event- Thursday 18th February 1-3.30pm
- S5 Curriculum choices with Pastoral Teacher- Friday 19th Feb 2021, 10-3pm
- S2 Curriculum choices with Pastoral Teacher- Tuesday 23rd Feb 2021, 10-3pm
- Literacy focus for S1-2/study skills focus for S3-6-Thursday 18th Feb 2021, 1-3.30pm. Details will be posted on google classrooms.

Remote learning

I am delighted to share that Barrhead High featured in the national overview of remote learning practice. <https://education.gov.scot/media/g0xl0dwn/national-overview-of-practice-in-remote-learning-2-schools.pdf>

We are also now able to record live lessons as teachers deliver them. These would be available for 30 days after recording for learners to view. It would help those who cannot attend the live at the scheduled time for any reason. These recordings will only be available on the individual google classroom for each subject, and would not be shared anywhere else. We are seeking your consent for this as part of our Digital User Agreement. Please click on the form attached to upload your consent. Please note, no cameras other than the teacher will be on for any recording.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAFvIRgVQE9UQkxWVDhSMks0SE1DQ1A4WjVPOTAYVzU2VS4u>

Schools Asymptomatic Testing Programme

We have received information regarding testing for staff and S4/5/6 learners. Along with the other protective measures we are implementing to keep our school community safe, regular testing of staff and senior phase pupils will help to further reduce risks for staff and young people in our

school. We are currently processing all the information and will be in touch with senior phase learners and parents to provide further information and to seek consent for your child to participate.

Contingency planning

We continue to plan for any phased return to school after the 22nd February. All plans will be subject to any further announcements made on the 16th February. At the moment we are planning for all contingencies:

- Phase 1: Identify learners in S4/5/6 practical subjects and create a bespoke timetable for learners to attend. Planning will be based on a maximum of 8% of learners attending at any one time. Technical guidance is due to be published on 12th February to support our planning.
- Phase 2: Confirm a delivery model for S4/5/6 learners to return part time (blended learning) whilst S1/2/3 remain at home (remote learning)
- Phase 3: Review our blended learning plans for all year groups to return part-time (timetables were issued previously)
- Phase 4: all learners return full time

SQA

Following on from consultation with the Parent Council, we have issued potential assessment calendars to S4/5/6 learners and parents. We may need to continue to change dates, however this will give learners a plan and an understanding of assessment windows.

ERC Standards and Quality report

Following approval by Education Committee the Education Department Standards and Quality Report for session 2019-20 is available on the Council's website

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/departments-performance-information>

Finally...

The author Toba Beta said, 'A man of calm is like a shady tree. People who need shelter come to it'. Staff at Barrhead High continue to support our young people during these challenging times. If you can be that shady tree also and support our young people and other families we will emerge a stronger community.

Best wishes,
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