

Dear Parent,

As you know the First Minister confirmed in her [announcement](#) on Monday that schools will remain closed to the majority of pupils until 1st February 2021.

- From today (6th January) East Renfrewshire schools and nurseries will provide essential childcare for the children of key workers and vulnerable pupils only. (Details of the arrangements for this provision can be found on East Renfrewshire Council's website).
- For all other pupils, the Christmas break has in effect been extended until Friday 8th January, with teaching and learning resuming for the new term on Monday 11th January. This will be online only.
- Pupils will physically return to school as normal on Monday 1st February.

Lessons will be provided through pupils' Google Classrooms. These will be voiced/video lessons which pupils can re-play as often as they wish, and will be accompanied by exercises and homework tasks that pupils will be asked to submit in the usual way. Teachers will be available online to answer any questions that pupils wish to ask during the normal timetabled periods.

Pupils already have access to all of their Google Classrooms and have been using them regularly throughout the session. A reminder of the access codes for each class will be placed on the yeargroup Google Classroom pages before the end of this week, just in case they are required. If your child has any difficulties accessing their lessons, please simply email the school office and someone will be able to help.

Pupils in S4 to S6 who are undertaking National Qualifications at National 5 or above should note that prelim examinations will take place once pupils physically return to school. Based on current information, the prelim diet will now begin on Wednesday 3rd February. An amended prelim timetable will be uploaded to the S4, S5 and S6 yeargroup Google Classrooms within the next day or two. Timescales for the gathering of assessment evidence will be revised once we hear more from SQA, and I shall of course write to you again as soon as further information becomes available.

Best wishes

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