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Dear Parent/Carer,

Support for Young People Currently Self-Isolating

As you may be aware, a number of our pupils are currently self-isolating at home. Teachers of these young people are endeavouring to ensure that appropriate work can be accessed through online platforms such as Glow, Microsoft Teams, and Show My Homework.

For pupils in the Senior Phase, we have also provided – on the school social media platforms – links to the Scholar and e-Sgoil resources, which contain study materials and revision opportunities for many SQA courses at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher levels. These links are also available below.

www.scholar.hw.ac.uk

www.e-sgoil.com

Senior Phase pupils can also access high-quality materials and resources through the West Partnership Online School. These can be accessed by logging into Glow, then downloading the West Partnership Online School app on the App Library. We also issued subject study guides to young people in the weeks immediately before and after the Spring Break, and these, too, will be of use.

Senior Phase Assessments

I appreciate that young people in S4-S6 who are self-isolating may be concerned about how current circumstances will affect the assessments they are due to undertake over the next few weeks. I can reassure these young people that we will ensure that they are not unfairly disadvantaged by their period of self-isolation; in addition to ensuring that we have provided appropriate study and revision materials to allow self-isolating pupils to continue working remotely over the self-isolation period, we will also look at how best to rearrange any missed assessments, so that these can be undertaken on return to school at a suitable time. Pupils will, therefore, have ample opportunity to provide suitable evidence of their abilities in line with SQA guidance. We will update affected pupils on rearranged dates and times in due course.

Pupils who are not currently self-isolating and are therefore able to attend school as normal will undertake assessments on the previously agreed dates.

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Covid-19 Mitigations

We are always working to ensure that our school remains a safe and welcoming environment. As always, we should be mindful that there are a number of mitigations in place to help us to protect the wellbeing of our pupils and staff:

- Any young person experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 should not attend school; the parent/carer of any young person with symptoms of Covid-19 should book a PCR test at the earliest opportunity. Whilst awaiting the result of this test, the young person should self-isolate, as should other members of the household.
- Parents/carers of any young person who tests positive for Covid-19 should make the school aware of this at the earliest opportunity by telephoning the school office. This ensures that any required contact tracing can begin.
- All young people should bring a face covering to school, and should wear this when inside the building, including in classrooms (unless exempt).
- All young people should observe guidance regarding hygiene, particularly hand-washing and the use of hand sanitiser; S1-S3 pupils should enter school via the Gower Terrace entrance, and S4-S6 pupils should enter by the Urrdale Road entrance.
- All young people from S1-S6 have access to Lateral Flow Testing Kits, and I would ask that you strongly encourage your child to take part in the testing programme; consent forms and testing kits (including guidance on how these should be used) can be collected from Ms O'Donnell in the school office.
- All national advice regarding the current level of restrictions should be followed.

We are, as a school, very appreciative of the support we have had from parents/carers in these challenging times; I know that we will continue to work together in order to ensure that Bellahouston Academy remains a safe and welcoming place for our young people. Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions regarding the above matters.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to send my best wishes to those within our school community who are currently celebrating Eid.

Yours faithfully,

Barry Mochan
Headteacher
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