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Parental Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are well. Today's update is to give you more information on the arrangements for remote learning which begins on Monday 11th January. I know this is not the situation we hoped to find ourselves in again, however, there are many things we learned from the last lockdown which will support us with planning for the coming weeks. Our most important priority is always the health and wellbeing of our pupils and we will continue to review and develop our approaches in response to feedback from our school community and in response to further updates from the Scottish Government in relation to plans for schools for February onwards. This update focusses on remote learning but as I am sure you can imagine there is a lot of other work going on to support pupils and families that I will share with you in next week's newsletter.

How will pupils access remote learning?

All pupils will be able to access resources and learning using Glow and Microsoft Teams via their iPads. Pupils have had their iPads for a while now and have been using them in class and at home as well as receiving lessons on how to use Teams, One Drive etc. Mr Tait has also made a range of support guides that are on our website, our Twitter account and have also been shared with our Parent Council to share via their channels too. A reminder we have our own YouTube channel where you will find a range of videos that will support pupils and parents with remote learning:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGGLSsvH065TkKC8e4bnByg/playlists>

If your child has forgotten their Glow password, please contact Miss Cuthbertson or Mr Tait with your child's name, class and login (if known) so that the password can be reset. Over the past few months we have issued some resources to families who did not have sufficient wi-fi at home. If any issues remain, please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher or Ms Higgins – all email addresses at the end of this bulletin.

How will remote learning work in practice?

On Monday pupils should log onto Glow and go onto their Teams pages where they will see information on the work that is provided. Staff have been working very hard over the past few days to develop materials and resources to best support with this period of remote learning and we are certainly in a far stronger position now than we were at the time of the last lockdown. Not only have all pupils and teachers had iPads for some months, but since the start





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of this school year staff have also been engaging in lots of training on digital learning to support them make best use of technology to support learners. We know remote learning is not the same as being in school and so it has been really important to adapt our approaches to learning and teaching accordingly.

It is important though that pupils get back into a good routine in terms of learning and so we advise they should be broadly following their school timetable each day. Getting up in the morning and logging in at 9.00am will help give structure to the day. Pupils will be able to see the work set for subjects for either the week or the next couple of lessons and this should help them to divide their time up across their subjects and keep them on track with learning. Teachers will support with this and give advice on how to divide up and complete tasks. Again, we have been able to draw upon the experience of the last lockdown and the feedback from pupils, parents and staff to support planning for the next few weeks. It will be important to build in breaks throughout the day, boundaries between work and family time and to have realistic and sustainable expectations of all involved.

All pupils are in Teams pages for each of their classes and teachers will communicate with their classes on a regular basis as well, as provide feedback on assignments and set deadlines in order to continue to move learning forward. There will be a range of approaches used to best fit the subject and year group and so over the course of the week pupils may experience a mix of methods such as: pre-recorded presentations, videos and/or uploaded resources, some live lessons, feedback during a lesson from the class teacher and work set for pupils to complete. Each department will share their expectations in terms of work and deadlines with pupils via Teams pages and we will be able to track pupil engagement with assigned tasks.

As mentioned in previous bulletins there is also the national online offer of online learning and tutorials available at www.e-sgoil.com. Pupils need their glow email address and their Scottish Candidate Number (SCN) to access this learning. Pastoral Care Staff or Depute Head Teachers will be able to issue their SCN if needed.

How will remote learning affect Senior Phase assessments?

I know pupils in the Senior Phase will be questions about assessment for SQA or about aspects of the courses in practical subjects. Please be assured we will continue to share information as we get it and Miss Black and Mr Neil will arrange another information session for later this month for parents and pupils.

Finally, I would like to end by thanking all of our school community for your patience and understanding at a challenging time for everyone. I would like to commend staff for their hard work and creativity this week as we have worked together to plan for next week. We will continue to communicate on a regular basis with you and work closely with our Parent Council.



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We will also ask for your feedback via survey during w/b 18th January.

Contact Information

Our school office will be open from 9.00am-10.00am each day to answer phone calls. Below are contact email addresses for members of the leadership team in the school. You can also contact the school office on 0141 582 0100 from 9.00am on Wednesday.

Need your child's Glow password reset:

Miss Cuthbertson gw10cuthbertsonelain@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Mr Tait gw16taitdavid1@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Questions about iPad rollout:

Mr Brown gw17brownstuart@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Do not have adequate wi-fi at home:

Ms Higgins: gw10higginsnicola@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Questions about UCAS:

Contact your Pastoral Care Teacher or Mr Griffin - gw10griffinbrian@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Ms L Robinson	1E	1F	2F	3A	4A	5A	6A	6G
Ms J Hewitt	2A	2D	3B	4B	5B	6B	6D	
Mr J Greechan	1D	2C	3C	3D	4C	4D	5C	6C
Ms K Campbell	1A	2E	3E	4E	5D	5E	6E	
Mr B Griffin	1B	1C	2B	3F	4F	5F	5G	6F



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Pupil Support Team – Support for Learning, EAL and Nurture:

Please contact Miss McGuire - gw17mcguiresiobhan@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Questions about Wider Achievement, College, Work Experience, Foundation Apprenticeships & Careers:

Contact Mr Richardson - gw12richardsonjack@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Senior Leadership Team:

S1 & S2 pupils: Mr Richardson - gw12richardsonjack@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

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S4 Pupils – Ms Higgins gw10higginsnicola@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

S5 and S6 pupils – Mr Neil gw10neilsteven@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

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