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## Parental Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of the first full week of the new term I would like to thank you all for your support and patience this week while we navigated some technical difficulties with Microsoft Teams and then with Proxy Authentication that affected many iPads in Glasgow. Hopefully the Teams issue which affected schools across the country has now been fully resolved and CGI are working on the iPad issue. A reminder that any pupil still experiencing problems with Proxy Authentication can find out how to fix this using this presentation created by Mr Brown: <https://sway.office.com/wRYnDRoxD3SkqV3d?ref=Link>

Despite these teething problems with technology, there have been a lot of positives this week. Pupil engagement has been very high and staff have been working very hard to ensure materials are in place and to move learning forward as well as reconnecting with pupils. You may have seen some examples on our Twitter account @HillheadHS of what has been going on across lessons and we really appreciate the feedback we have had from pupils and parents. We know that this is not the same as normal school and that so many of you will be working from home while also supporting your own child / children with their learning, just like many of our staff, and that is not easy. We are committed to working together as a school community to support each other. As outlined in the previous update we are going to issue a survey to all parents/carers via GroupCall and email on Monday morning so we can get your feedback on how remote learning has been working and what we can do as a school to further support learners and families. Please do take some time to fill it in if you can. There will also be a pupil survey issued and several online pupil focus groups taking place next week. You can also find more information on remote learning and supports available in this document published by Education Scotland on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January:

<https://education.gov.scot/media/hblh4yy0/cerg-remote-learning-080121.pdf>

As outlined in the previous newsletter, it is recommended that pupils broadly follow the school day during this period of remote learning. Not only will this keep them in a good routine which will support when we can return to school but it will also help them to continue to progress with their learning in their subjects. However, as outlined in the document linked above this does not mean pupils will be expected to experience synchronous learning or “live” lessons for six hours a day either. Pupils will need time to complete tasks and assignments and will also need breaks from the screen. Teachers will be involved in other activities related to the development and maintenance of high-quality remote learning provision including: assessing and providing feedback on pupil work submitted; tracking pupil engagement with the learning





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opportunities provided and addressing disengagement; working with subject colleagues as required; further developing and adapting online learning materials in the light of experience, and supervising the childcare facilities offered in school for the children of essential workers.

Where lessons are “live” then these will be at the normal time on the pupil’s timetable and it is important that pupils do attend these ones at this time so that they can get support in real time from their class teacher. Teachers will have shared with pupils what the expectations are in terms of when they must attend online lessons as well as assignment deadlines for their subject. Teachers can track who is accessing the lesson and the resources and if someone is not accessing resources we will do our best to support pupils to do so and remove any barriers to learning. If your child is unwell and is unable to take part in online learning, please let us know so we can support and also inform class teachers too. Pupils should check into their year groups Teams page each morning as a daily check in – their Depute Head Teacher and Pastoral Care Teacher will be posting updates and information on this page on a regular basis and it is a good place for pupils to raise any questions too. Fridays period 5 will be a live check in for all pupils via their year group Teams pages. These will be led by the senior leadership team and it will be important pupils attend so we can discuss any issues arising during the week, pupils can ask questions and also we can share important information for the week ahead.

In addition to regular contact from their subject teachers, our Pupil Support Team and other staff will make telephone contact with the families of our pupils. This will offer us the opportunity to “check-in” with young people and their families to ensure that they maintain a feeling of connection to school. If a staff member is making a call from home you may see the message “number withheld”. If you are not comfortable answering a call from an unknown number you can call the school to check if we called you and/or get in touch via email to arrange a time that suits. You can also contact your child’s Depute Head Teacher if you have a query and we are delighted to welcome back Mrs Campbell (DHT for S1 and S2) who returned yesterday.

We will continue to work closely with our Parent Council over the coming weeks too in order to support pupils and families and the contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

Wishing you and your family a relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs K. McAlaney

### **Contact Information**

Our school office will be open from 9.00am-3.00pm each day to answer phone calls. Below are contact email addresses for members of the leadership team in the school.





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Ms Higgins: [gw10higginsnicola@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw10higginsnicola@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

**Questions about UCAS:**

Contact your Pastoral Care Teacher or Mr Griffin - [gw10griffinbrian@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw10griffinbrian@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

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