



Hillhead High School
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Head Teacher
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1st Feb 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are well. As you will be aware this is a shorter school week than normal due to the mid-term break. **School is closed to all pupils on Friday 5th, Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th February** and so no remote lessons will take place on these days. Wed 10th February was scheduled to be an In-service Day for staff however this has now been moved to Mon 19th April for secondary schools in Glasgow. Therefore Wed 10th February is now a school day. This week is Children's Mental Health Week and as well as incorporating this into some lessons, we will also be sharing information via pupil Teams pages and our school Twitter account throughout the week, including an online resource pack created by Mr Docherty in our P.E. department. Our virtual wellbeing drop-in sessions for pupils also continue this week with reminders on pupils Teams pages. Ms Higgins and Ms Black are working on plans for a Wellbeing Information Session for parents and carers. Glasgow City Parents Group (GCPG) have also arranged an event to support parents/carers with practical strategies and top tips from Glasgow Psychological Services and you can sign up for this event using the following link: [Ways to nurture wellbeing and help with home schooling Tickets, Wed 17 Feb 2021 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Our two trolleys with stationery resources and sanitary towels will be just inside the school entrance each school day from 10.00am-2.00pm this week and next. N.B. as outlined above the school will be closed to all for the mid-term break so you won't get access those days. Please take what you need - remember to bring along a bag. If there is no-one in the foyer when you arrive please press the buzzer / call the office and someone will let you in. If you need resources but are unable to come to the school, please contact your child's Depute Head Teacher or Pastoral Care Teacher who will make arrangements for resources to be delivered to you.



The Support for Learning department have also put together a number bespoke resource packs for pupils and if there is one for your child you should have received a phone call last week. All packs are labelled with pupils' names and are also inside the entrance to the main school building ready for collection. This week packs are being made to support S4 pupils who are undertaking the Skills for Work Hairdressing course and once these are ready to collect a message will be sent to pupils and parents by Mr Richardson.

Supporting Your Child With Online Learning

Thank you to all who attended last week's session for S1-S3 Parents on how to support your



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child with online learning. The PowerPoint presentation shown at the event was added to S1-S3 year group Teams pages on Friday and can also be found on our website here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/2021/02/01/supporting-your-child-with-online-learning/>

Tomorrow (Tuesday 2nd February) Ms Higgins, Mr Neil and Mr Brown will lead an online information and Q&A session for parents/carers of S4, S5 & S6 pupils. This will take place via Teams and full joining instructions have been added to Teams pages as well as information sent out to parents via GroupCall app and email. If you have any queries, please contact Mr Neil or Ms Higgins.

Parental Survey and Next Steps

Thank you to all who completed the Parental Survey on Remote Learning that was open from Mon 18th- Wed 20th January. In total, 122 parents/carers of 153 of our pupils gave us feedback on how remote learning was working and we used this feedback, as well as the feedback from the many discussions with parents and pupils over the past few weeks. The survey responses have been discussed by the senior leadership team, the curricular leadership team and also the Pupil Support Team and all subject-specific questions and comments passed on to curricular leaders. Members of the senior leadership team met with the Parent Council last week to discuss how remote learning was working so far. We have already taken a number of steps such as creating our Remote Learning Support Guide and arranging a series of online Information Evenings. To see the full report on the survey it has been added to our website here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/public/hillheadhigh/uploads/sites/7656/2021/02/01180028/Parental-Survey-on-Remote-Learning-Report-and-Action-Plan.pdf>

In the past two weeks alone Pupil Support and the senior leadership team have had check-in phone calls to over 250 families with a further 150 calls to families planned for this week. Depute Head Teachers have also been replying to emails from parents and carers and/or arranging to phone to discuss any concerns. If you have not yet had a call and would like to discuss any matter, please get in touch with your child's Pastoral Care Teacher or Depute Head Teacher and they will arrange this at a mutually convenient time. We know pupils are missing being able to pop in to speak to their Depute Head Teacher as they would during a normal school day and so all of the Depute Head Teachers are also offering virtual office hours for pupils who might wish a one to one chat over Teams. The times of these are as follows:

S4 with Ms Higgins: Mondays period 6 (3.00pm-4.00pm)

S5 with Mr Neil: Wednesdays period 1 (9.00am-10.00am)

S6 with Mr Neil: Mondays period 3 (11.20am-12.10am)

None of these times above clash with timetabled lessons at present and so pupils should be



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able to attend without missing any live lessons. Mrs Campbell and Miss Black are also arranging times for their year groups and will share these with pupils on Year Group Teams pages tomorrow.

Pupil Feedback

As well as holding a series of pupil focus groups over the past two weeks we have also carried out a survey on remote learning with pupils. This opened on Monday of last week and closed on Thursday afternoon. We had over 500 responses and will produce a similar report and action plan that we will share in next week's bulletin.

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.

Questions about iPads:

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

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

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

Do not have adequate wi-fi at home: Ms Higgins: gw10higginsnicola@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Pastoral Care

Miss Hewitt – gw09hewittjenny@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Ms Robinson – gw16robinsonlynsey1@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Mr Greechan – gw07greechanjohn@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Mr Griffin – gw10griffinbrian@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Miss Campbell – gw19campbellkirstin@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Support for Learning, EAL and Nurture:

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



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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: Mrs Campbell - gw10campbellharriet@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

S3 Pupils –Miss Black gw15blackleanne@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

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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