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Dear Parent / Carer,

Weekly Summary

I hope that all our families continue to keep well and stay safe. I am sure you are looking forward to a break this coming weekend.

You will have heard the First Minister's announcement this week that, '*very limited numbers of pupils in S4-6 will be able to complete in-school practical work that is essential for completing national qualifications on a part-time basis*' from the 22nd February 2021. You can read the whole statement by following this link <https://www.gov.scot/news/back-to-school-1/> At present we are awaiting further guidance from the Scottish Government to determine exactly what we are able to do and which subjects we are able to target. Meanwhile, I am working with Principal Teachers (of practical subjects) to identify pupils who would benefit from being in school. We will inform you of our plans as soon as we can. For non-practical subjects and for all S1-S3, remote learning will continue. For now, it is essential that all young people continue to engage with online learning. We appreciate your support and patience as we enter the next phase of Covid recovery.

In last week's letter I mentioned that we are going to introduce the Xpressions app to communicate with you. Please find attached another letter which explains what this is and how to join. If you already use this app for a child at Primary School, you do not need to download it again. If you have any questions or need help with this, please email your child's year head. Similarly, if you think that we do not have the correct contact information for you, can you please complete the attached form to help us with this. Using this app will help us to continue to communicate often with you and it comes at no cost to you or the school.

To raise awareness of Children's Mental Health Week, we have shared lots of information with your child, staff and we have tweeted links for families. We hope that these have been helpful. If you require more information or support, the following link is a good place to start <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents> We are conscious that, as time goes on, your child may be experiencing screen fatigue – which is why it is important that they have a balance of activities

Glasgow City Council, working with the Glasgow City Parents Group (GCPG), has produced a draft Parental Involvement and Engagement Strategy. They are keen to gather as many views as possible and so are inviting you to an information discussion, due to take place on Zoom on 2nd March at 6.30pm. If you want to find out more, please contact our Parent Carer Teacher Council via email shawlandsacademyptc@gmail.com You can, as always, contact our Parent Council too if you have more general queries. Throughout lockdown, I am meeting with the Chair of our PCTC every week.

I am sure I do not need to remind you that we are on holiday from Friday, 5th February to Tuesday, 9th February (inclusive). This means that our hub provision will not run. If you have any questions, please contact DHT, Mrs Cutler. Learning will recommence for all pupils on the 10th February.

Thank you for your continued support. Please stay safe and continue to keep well. I hope that you have a lovely break with your family and the weather improves so that we can all have some time outdoors!

Very best wishes,

Mrs Pauline Carr
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If you require this letter in a different format or language, please let us know by phoning or emailing the school (using the contact details provided).



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