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Dear Parent / Carer,

## Weekly Summary

I hope that your family had a good break over the long weekend and that you continue to keep in good health. I am sure the weather brought some welcome relief if you managed to spend some time outside.

Thank you for providing your updated contact details, if you needed to change the contact information we have. Our office staff are currently working their way through updating the system as we move to using the Xpressions app. For now, we will continue to share information through e mail too. If you have any questions about this, please contact your child's Year Head.

We are still waiting for clearer guidance from the Scottish Government regarding the partial return of Senior Phase pupils to the school building to complete practical work that cannot be undertaken at home. Please be assured that we will share our specific plans, including information about self-testing kits for Covid-19 (for Senior Phase pupils), as soon as possible.

For now, it continues to be essential that all young people engage with their online learning by logging on to relevant live sessions and submitting work. If they are not doing this, you will be informed; we really appreciate your support with this. Tracking and Monitoring will be completed for every child in March so all learning being undertaken during this time is relevant. It is vital that your child participates fully with this. If your child has any problems accessing learning online, please ask them to complete the Form posted in their year group Team then someone from our Genius Bar will be in contact with them. Otherwise, please contact your child's Year Head.

SLT continue to check in with their year group every morning on Teams. Please encourage your child to respond to this wellbeing check. Virtual attendance has also been encouraging at our weekly lunchtime year group chat sessions - this is a good opportunity for your child to connect with their Year Head and their peers, out with the classroom. If your child is missing social connection, this is a good way for them to interact with others.

S2 pupils are in the process of completing their options. Their Pastoral Care Teacher will be in direct contact with your child, if they have not already, to give them a 1-1 interview. If you have any questions about the process or the booklet, please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher or their Year Head. S4 and S5 pupils will begin their option choice programme next week.

During this time, we are conscious that young people may be spending more time on screens than usual so we have asked one of our partner organisations, the Rosa Project, to deliver online training for parents and carers. They strive to raise awareness and provide support for families so that young people stay safe online. This session will take place on Zoom. I am hopeful to be able to provide a date and time for this in my next correspondence. If this is something that you are concerned about, you can access the National Parent Forum of Scotland publication on Online Safety by clicking on this link [https://www.npfs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/edd/2020/05/NPFS\\_online\\_safety\\_E.pdf](https://www.npfs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/edd/2020/05/NPFS_online_safety_E.pdf) or, of course, you can contact your child's Year Head if you have a more specific concern.



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Our in school hub continues to run. If you are a key worker, and have no other option for childcare, your child may be eligible for a place. Please contact DHT, Mrs Cutler if you require any further information.

Throughout this period of lockdown, I will continue to communicate regularly with you but should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Year Head. You can also contact our Parent Carer Teacher Council via e mail [shawlandsacademyptcc@gmail.com](mailto:shawlandsacademyptcc@gmail.com) if you have more general queries. Throughout lockdown, I am meeting with the Chair of our PCTC every week.

Please encourage your child to join their year group assembly (on their year group team) on Monday morning at 8.45am – if they are in S1-S4 – or Monday at 2.15pm for S5 and Tuesday at 2.15pm for S6. This is a really important way for them to start the week.

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 e mailing the school (using the contact details provided).***

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