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Dear Parent / Carer,

Weekly Summary

Thank you for all your support and feedback throughout this week. This is helping us to adapt our plans and communications as we progress through lockdown.

We are encouraged by the amount of young people who are accessing their learning. To keep motivation levels high, we are going to run focus groups with each year group to find out more about how pupils are feeling and if there is anything we can do to support them further. We are keen to speak with you too so if you would like to be involved in a focus group, please e mail Ms Sinclair for further information gw10sinclaircatheri2@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Our Pupil Support Team have also been in contact with you and your child this week. Wellbeing continues to be a focus for us so please communicate with them if you are concerned about your child or need support with anything. Please let us know if your contact details have changed – this is important as we aim to keep the channels of communication open. There will also be a Twitter focus on 'Wellbeing Wednesday' with some useful links and tips to support your child throughout lockdown.

It was wonderful to see so many families accessing our parent / carer support sessions on Remote Learning this week. These presentations will be uploaded to the file section of your child's year group team and they will also be available on the website next week.

Along with this letter, you will also find our guides for learners and families to help with 'Learning in Lockdown'. Thank you to our Parent Carer Teacher Council for giving us feedback on these guides, prior to us finalising them. I hope that you find them useful.

We are aware that there have been some IT issues for some pupils and staff. These issues have been across the whole network and we are working closely with the authority to resolve what we can. Our Digital Lead, Mr McGrory, has sent out e mails and advice to all pupils about the Proxy Server problem so hopefully this will be to work. If your child still has issues with IT, or if they have questions about Showbie or Teams, they should complete the google form on the class team. Then our PT Digital Learning, Mr Gibson, will give them help or a time slot in our daily Genius Bar. If your child is accessing learning through Showbie, the availability for 'live' streaming is not available yet. However, they will still have been interacting with their teacher.

Our school continues to be open for the children of key workers, who have no other access to childcare, and for young people identified by our Pupil Support Team who would benefit from being in the school building. Should you feel that your child is eligible for a place in school, please contact DHT, Mrs Cutler, via e mail as soon as possible.

Earlier this week, we sent communication out from the authority regarding monetary payments for pupils eligible and receiving free school meals. You can access this information through this link <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/schoolsandlearning> If you have any questions, please contact DHT, Mrs Cutler.

This week the SQA sent out updated information for parents and carers <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/96380.html> and for learners <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/96382.html>. Whilst this reiterates our approach at the moment, in terms of our focus on learning and teaching, I am aware that it does not give you any further information regarding assessment or if deadlines will be extended. To date, we do not have anything further. As soon as we know more, we will contact you again.



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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 shawlandsacademypctc@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.

Thank you for your continued support. Please stay safe and continue to keep well. I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Pauline Carr

Head Teacher

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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