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Dear Parent / Carer,

Weekly Summary

I hope that all our families have had a healthy and productive week. We really appreciate your support as remote learning continues. We understand that as time goes on, some families may require more help and support. Please let us know if this is the case and we will do what we can to help. You can also link with the agencies noted in the 'Remote Learning for Families' document, which we will re-send today. If your child needs any stationery supplies or sanitary products, these can be collected from the school foyer anytime during the school day. If your child is coming to school, please make sure they do not meet up with friends and that they go straight home after doing this.

Even although we continue to work remotely, it is vital that your child continues to attend school virtually by continuing to log on and continuing to submit class work. There has been a slight dip in attendance this week so please make sure that your child is engaging with their work.

Our focus groups have been very helpful as we continue to develop our approaches to remote learning. Please find the collation of feedback attached with this letter.

Next week is Mental Health Awareness week. In addition to our Wellbeing Wednesday focus, staff and pupils will receive daily messages and guidance about how to support their wellbeing. From Monday, SLT will also send out a daily wellbeing check to your child on their year group team. This will be explained fully to them at next week's assemblies but it will give us another means to check in with your child and to make sure they are coping.

Thank you to all families who attended our virtual information sessions for your child's forthcoming options. More information will be sent to you next week, including a booklet explaining all the subjects and courses being offered. For pupils in S2, S4 and S5, there are helpful videos on the S2 Options and S4/5 Options teams which give them more information about a wide range of different careers. Thank you to our Parent Carer Teacher Council, and all other parents and carers, who worked in partnership with us to provide many of the videos. These will be helpful and supportive to your child as they think about their future pathway and will hopefully let them see a flavour of all the different options open to them.

The SQA announced this week that grades have now to be sent to them by the 18th June 2021, three weeks later than originally planned. I have written separately to all S4-S6 parents and carers to inform you of this and reassure you that our focus continues to be on learning and teaching.

Throughout the Covid pandemic, we have increased our text messages to you. Your feedback has shown that this has been helpful to you and it is a vital tool to help us work more closely with you. This has come at a cost to the school. Through groupcall, we can access an app called XPressions. So, next week we will share more information about this with you. When you download this, you will receive exactly the same information but it will come with no cost to the school. I appreciate your support with this.

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. Our next PCTC meeting is on Monday, 1st February at 6.30pm on Zoom. If you would like to be involved, please e mail the Parent Carer Teacher Council directly.



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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.

Next week, 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. The inservice day planned for the 10th February has now been moved to April, 19th – this information was sent earlier this week in the letter from Maureen McKenna. Learning will, therefore, recommence on the 10th February. I will continue to keep you updated as soon as I have any additional information.

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

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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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