



Shawlands Learning Community
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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you all had a good spring break and that you and your family are beginning to enjoy the fact that lockdown is easing.

We are absolutely delighted to have all our young people back to in-person learning. I am pleased to report that the transition back to school has been very smooth. Our young people are following all the Health and Safety Protocols we have in place, which is helping to keep our community safe. Thank you for your support with this.

Due to the fact that we are now in Level 3, so more businesses are open around the school, from next week S2 pupils can leave the school – only to buy their lunch, then return. If you are happy with your child purchasing their lunch outside school, please talk to them about being in our local community and following the relevant protocols that are in place. We will keep this arrangement under review.

All pupils can participate in the Lateral Flow Testing Programme. If you want your child to take part in this, please complete the consent form, which they can hand in to our School Office. All the information you need about this – including the consent form – can be found on our school website. Consent forms can also be collected from the School Office.

If you are collecting your child from school (by car), can you please be mindful of our local community. On Moss-side Road, at school finishing time, there are a large number of cars on the zig-zag lines or double parked. I have alerted our community police link to this and have asked for some support. We really appreciate everyone's support with this.

For those of you with children in S4-S6, we held an information session for parents and carers last Thursday night about the SQA's Alternative Certification Model. I hope that this helped to explain our approaches and reassure families that our systems are robust and being informed by the guidelines we have. If you missed this session, the information is stored in your child's Year Group Team or you can contact DHT, Mr MacBride, too. We also talked through how parents and carers can support their child through this time.

The following links are useful:

- <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/70972.html>
- <https://www.npfs.org.uk/>
- <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/shawlandsacademy/>
- <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/shawlandsacademy/year-groups/study-skills/>

Many of our young people and staff are observing Ramadan. A space continues to be designated within our Science Faculty where pupils have a quiet area away from other, busier parts of the school. A member of staff will be there at lunch time to support those pupils who wish to utilise this area. This space will also give an opportunity for pupils to take part in prayer or reading if they wish. If your child is sitting SQA Assessments during this time, we have tried to factor this into our planning. However, if they require any support, please contact their Pastoral Care Teacher. Furthermore, please let us know if your child will be off school to celebrate Eid and they will be marked accordingly.



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All families have received a pack from Dominika Wirkus, our Financial Inclusion Support Officer, to help them access all the supports that they are entitled to. This could make a big difference to your financial position so please contact her if you require any help or support accessing the applications.

Next week, Monday, 3rd May, is a holiday and Thursday, 6th May, is an Inservice Day so pupils should not attend. I hope you and your family have a good long 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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