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Dear Parent / Carer

On behalf of all of the staff at Rosshall Academy, I hope you have had a restful break and I wish you and your families a positive 2021. You are aware that the schools are moving to remote learning for a period of three weeks, from 11 January until 29 January 2021. While this is not the start to the new year we would have imagined, the move to remote learning has been deemed necessary by the Scottish Government due to the:

- New COVID-19 variant that is significantly more transmissible
- Steeply rising trend of infections
- High levels of community transmission
- Uncertainty about impact of new variant amongst young people

However, we have been here before and we have learned from the previous lockdown. We are also in a significantly better position given the iPad rollout this session. Our staff team is working extremely hard to organise an appropriate programme of learning for every child that will include a combination of direct, live teaching and directed home learning.

Learning During Lockdown: Important information for all year groups

Timetable

When learning at home, all year groups should follow the subjects their current timetable from Monday 11 January 2021. Pupils in S2 will move to their preferences timetable from Monday 18 January 2021. If your child does not have a copy of their timetable please ask them to contact the following staff by email:

S1 – S3	Pastoral Care Teacher
S4 – S5	House Head
S6	Ms Mitchell

I have also emailed all year groups with this information.



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Learning and Teaching

Learning will take place in three ways during the period of lockdown:

1) ONLINE TEACHING SESSIONS

Teachers and young people will follow their timetabled slot in live lessons from their teacher using Showbie or Microsoft Teams.

2) DIRECTED DISTANCE LEARNING

Teachers will set pupils directed learning activities to complete during a timetabled slot.

3) SUPPORTED LEARNING

Teachers will offer a session on Showbie or Teams, or be available for questions on-line to support learning with e.g. SCHOLAR/ E-Sgoil / Teams files / Learning Hub (BGE).

Organisation and Timetables

I have emailed all pupils via GLOW today to inform them of year group assemblies on Monday morning at the following times:

9.30am	S5 and S6
10.00am	S4
10.30am	S3
11.00am	S2
11.30am	S1

Invites for the assembly will be sent by GLOW tomorrow morning. Pupils will be informed which of their timetabled lessons are live, and which will be directed home learning. We will be monitoring attendance closely and would be grateful if you would let your child's pastoral care teacher know immediately if, for any reason, they cannot engage in the live lessons or home learning. A copy of the online learning sessions will be shared with young people and you will be continuously updated with any changes. Home learning newsletters for the BGE (S1 – S3) and the Senior Phase (S4 – S6) will also be issued at the start of each week.

Preparation for Remote Learning

Before Monday 11 January, all pupils in all year groups must:

- 1) Ensure they have a copy of their current timetable.
- 2) Ensure they know their passwords and can access their iPad and GLOW.
- 3) Watch the explanatory videos on joining live classes via TEAMS and SHOWBIE.
- 4) Remind themselves of the lessons on iPad use. All of the information, lessons and videos on iPads and Digital Literacy can be found on the link below:
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/rosshall/ipads-and-digital-literacy/>
- 5) Contact their Pastoral Care teacher with any concerns prior to Monday.

UCAS and College Application Update

UCAS

Most UCAS applications for 2021 access should now be paid for and sent to UCAS or be very near completion. If there are any remaining issues with this please contact your Pastoral Care or Mr Clelland as a matter of urgency.

College

For pupils looking to apply for college for an August 2021 start, **you will be provided with information and support applying in the coming days via glow email**. Most colleges open their applications on Monday 11th or during that week- it is vitally important that, despite the current lockdown, pupils apply as early as possible to ensure a successful application. We will fully support you during this process.

Communication

Glow emails/ passwords

Glow email will be the central form of communications with pupils during school closure. It can also be used to access study material such as Scholar (details available in the materials links). If there are issues accessing glow or pupils are locked out/ have forgotten details they should contact their Business and IT faculty teachers via email. Emails can be found here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/rosshall/glow-emails-passwords/>

Contact details

Our school office will be not be staffed full time during the lockdown, but will be staffed from 10am – 2pm each day. Please inform the school office if any of your contact details change during the period of lockdown by telephoning 0141 5820200 or emailing:

Headteacher@rosshallacademy.glasgow.sch.uk

Pastoral Care Teachers

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LEWIS	Mr Simpson gw15simpsonneil@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
SKYE	Mrs Hanley gw10hanleyfrances@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Wellbeing Support

Pastoral Care

We understand that this is a stressful time for our community and we will be speaking about support and wellbeing during the assemblies on Monday. **If your child is feeling anxious, please encourage them to contact their Pastoral Care teacher who will be able to offer them support.**

Our **School Counselling Service** will continue to operate during lockdown for pupils of all ages. Pupils can apply directly through the website (www.weccglasgow.com) or their Pastoral Care teacher can make a referral.

Togetherall (www.togetherall.com) provides a 24-hour anonymous and safe mental health support service for 16 - 18 year olds.

Key Workers' Children / Vulnerable Young People

We have timetabled provision for key workers' children and a number of identified young people during school hours for the lockdown. If you believe your child is eligible to be in school and have not yet contacted your child's pastoral care teacher, please do this as soon as possible in order that we can make appropriate provision for your child.

I thank you once again for your understanding and support during this further period of lockdown. Please do not hesitate to get in touch at any point with any concerns you have about your child's learning and wellbeing. I will continue to keep you updated with information and guidance as it arises.

Yours sincerely



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