



Parent/Carer and Pupil Voice

June 2020

Dear Achenharvie parents/carers and pupils,

I first of all want to say a huge thanks to you for providing us with feedback. On the whole the responses were very positive but like many things there is room for improvement. Your responses were collated and an overview was shared with staff along with a feedback document to allow staff members to provide suggestions on the individual responses which had highlighted an issue or where suggestions had been provided to us by you. After having considered parent/carers, pupil and staff responses we have decided as a school to take the actions detailed in the following pages.

I would once again like to thank you for taking the time to provide us with invaluable feedback and I look forward to continuing to work together in the coming new session.

Yours sincerely,

Calum Johnston

Pupil Safety

Agreed actions:

- The school's risk assessment will be shared with parents/carers.
- The provision of a pupil/parent handbook on the 10th of August 2020. The handbook will contain : details of the school model to be implemented, as determined by the Scottish Government; health and safety guidelines for when pupils are back in the school building and clear expectations of pupils; further information on our blended learning approach, if blended learning is the model we will be returning with in August etc.
- If restrictions are in place then there will be adequate signage around the school.
- Upon pupils return to the school building there will be a presentation to highlight the required health and safety which has been put in place to protect pupils and staff, again to be determined by the Scottish Government.
- An increased staff presence at interval to supervise our young people to ensure the guidance is being adhered to and to reassure pupils who are anxious.
- If the blended learning approach is the preferred option for opening schools in August, then there will be a pre-recorded message from HT/DHT instead of school assemblies to minimise movement around the school building.

Pupil Commitment to Learning/Blended Learning

Agreed actions:

- SQA will announce the plan for determining qualifications for the session 2020/2021 before the start of school in August which will be shared with parents/carers.
- Layout the plan for learning in the pupil/parent handbook mentioned previously, including our expectations of learners and what learners can expect from us.
- A decision will be made during our in-service day on the preferred online platform which will be used by Auchenhavrie in sharing learning materials. This will be communicated with parents/carers and pupils. Pupils will be taught how to use this platform during lessons with teachers.
- In the event that blended learning is the approach schools are instructed to take:
 - pupils will be shown how to submit work online by class teachers during lessons. Feedback will be provided by staff on every piece of work submitted.
 - Pupils will be taught when in class and consolidation work will be set for when pupils are learning at home.
 - A study plan will be included in the pupil/parent handbook to help pupils structure their learning at home.
 - Pupils will be encouraged to communicate with staff members via e-mail, where possible.
 - Paper copies of consolidation work to be completed at home will be provided to pupils who do not have access to IT at home or who struggle to use IT at home.
 - Our school will continue to issue the online planner (details work to be completed by each subject per level) which has been shared with parents/carers in recent weeks .
 - Increased communication with home regarding progress/engagement.

Pupil Well-being

Agreed actions:

- There will be a strong focus on pupil's mental health/well-being when school re-opens. Registration/beginning of period one (determined by the model) will be used by staff to check-in with pupils and a task will be completed which is specifically designed to support pupil well-being.
- PSE lessons will be used to further support pupil well-being. A survey was recently issued to pupils which allowed them to state the preferred order of topics and to suggest topics which they would like to be included.
- There will be a 'gentle' start to learning in August with a strong emphasis on Nurture which will hopefully prevent pupils from feeling overwhelmed and ease them back into the routines of the school day.
- Families will be advised of support which is available to them and their young people from organisations etc.
- Our school will utilise the go-to people, who each pupil has chosen, to support pupils.