



**Education Resources**  
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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Learning at Home – April 2020**

We hope that everyone in our school community is safe and well and had a restful and relaxing spring break.

Health and wellbeing continue to be our first priority. We are aware of the many challenges currently being encountered by pupils and families. A range of resources and contacts offering support can be found on our school website, under 'Parents> Letters/Documents' and at the following links:

- Family advice leaflet: <https://tinyurl.com/stzq5mu>
- Supporting children, young people and their families: <https://tinyurl.com/w8tbjgb>
- Resources for ASN students: <https://tinyurl.com/s8p7ajt>
- Free School Meals (SLC website): <https://tinyurl.com/vnss9cr>

If we can be of any assistance in accessing resources to support health and wellbeing, please contact your child's Pupil Support Teacher or any member of the Senior Management Team for advice. Email addresses for all members of the Extended Leadership Team are available on our school website under 'Contact Us' and at: <https://tinyurl.com/t3upfz6>

Currently, no date has been set for schools to reopen, therefore we will continue to provide and develop resources to support students as they continue their learning at home, where and when this is possible. Updates will be posted on the 'Working at Home' section of our school website, which can be found at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/tv8hzq7>. Please let your child's Pupil Support Teacher or any member of the Senior Management Team know of any difficulties in accessing resources required.

For students in S1-S3, teachers will continue to provide resources and activities through Glow (Google Classroom), Show My Homework and Twitter. A summary of the resources and tasks provided is included in our 'Learning at Home' document, emailed to parents on Fridays. Pupils are encouraged to submit their completed work through Glow, Show My Homework or email to allow feedback to be provided. Some students are finding it easier to take photographs of their written work and upload these to Glow – this seems to be working well.

S4-S6 students should check with their teachers through Google Classroom, Show My Homework or by email regarding the evidence required for SQA or Wider Achievement courses. A list of

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recommended tasks to allow continuity of learning for S4-S6 students is also included in our 'Learning at Home' document. The latest advice regarding SQA courses is available on our school website at 'Parents> Letters/Documents': <https://tinyurl.com/sl9hwlu> . Scholar also provides resources to support pupils' learning at their current and next level of study and can be accessed through Glow.

We are aware that students learn in many different ways and would encourage all pupils to develop their skills in ways that suits them and their families. We would also encourage all students to continue their learning through reading, both reading for pleasure and reading linked to current and future courses. Being mindful of health and wellbeing and to avoid students becoming overwhelmed, we would encourage students to limit the amount of time they spend on electronic devices to complete their school work and would suggest a maximum of three to four hours per school day.

Whilst we will endeavour to respond to any requests for advice, feedback or support promptly, we would also ask that you are aware that teachers are also supporting pupils in the 20 childcare hubs around South Lanarkshire on a rota basis throughout this time. Thank you for your understanding.

Supporting learning at home is a new way of working for everyone. We are keen to take your feedback on what is working well, what isn't working well and what would be helpful and will act on your advice. Feedback can be provided by email to [gw07leebarbara@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw07leebarbara@glow.sch.uk) or through the following link: <https://forms.gle/N9xy8vihA4aggM3m7> Responses by Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 would be appreciated.

Further advice and information will continue to be provided as this becomes available.

Thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes to you and your family,



Barbara Lee

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