



Education Resources
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Dear Parent/Carer,

January 2021 Update

We hope that you and your family have had a restful and relaxing holiday and that you are keeping safe and well.

From **Monday, 11th January until Friday, 29th January 2021**, our children and young people will access their learning at home using Google Classroom. Pupils should already know their Glow username and password, which will enable them to access Google Classrooms for all of their subjects. Should any pupil have any issues when accessing Glow, please contact the school office and we will arrange for passwords to be reset. Pupils should already be members of the Google Classrooms for the subjects they study, however the class codes for all Google Classrooms have also been emailed to parents/carers and pupils should these be required. Year group Google Classrooms have also been created to allow key messages to be shared with all pupils. Pupils should check their year group Google Classroom every school morning. Pupils will also have access to documents relevant to their year group through the Class Drive Folder within Google Classroom.

Where possible, pupils should try to follow their timetable during the school day, which means that they should focus on up to four subjects each day. Our 'winter timetable', introduced after the October holiday, is stretched over two weeks, with pupils focussing on the subjects from period 1, then periods 2, 4 and 6 in 'even weeks' and period 1 then periods 3, 5 and 7 in 'odd weeks'. The week beginning 11th January will be an 'even week' timetable. Week beginning 18th January will be an 'odd week' timetable and week beginning 25th January will be an 'even week' timetable. Further information on the timetable structure is available on the school website and in year group Google Classrooms.

During this time, teachers will be available to support learning online through Google Classroom and to provide assistance to pupils through Glow. Details on classwork and supports available from teachers are outlined in our weekly learning at home update and in Google Classrooms. A variety of teaching approaches will be used as appropriate.

Schools will remain open to support the children of key workers and vulnerable children in accessing learning on-line. School transport will continue for these students. If any pupils who have attended school from 7th January – 29th January test positive for Covid-19, parents/carers should inform the school to allow test and protect procedures to be followed. Forms to enable key workers to request a place in school for their child are on the school website at the following link: <https://bit.ly/39aRMyM>.

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GradU8 College courses

All S4 pupils who attend college every Monday are to follow their school timetable on **Monday, 11th January**. Colleges and training providers are currently discussing which elements of each course can be effectively delivered online. It is likely that the majority of courses will be able offer online delivery of the non-practical elements, with the practical elements pausing until schools return.

Online delivery of courses will commence on **Monday, 18th January**.

Foundation Apprenticeship

The South Lanarkshire FA courses will move to online delivery as of **Tuesday, 12th January**. All pupils should have been contacted by their tutors or Youth Employability with joining instructions. Youth Employability are able to offer a Chromebook for FA pupils who require IT to access these courses. Please let the school and your tutor know if you require this support.

All Glasgow FA courses will continue to be delivered online as they have been since August. Delivery of the FA programmes will continue to follow the Tuesday / Thursday timetable.

Aspire

Aspire workers will continue to engage with young people remotely and young people are being supported to complete action plans with a range of tasks that can be completed online. At the moment, all group work is suspended and will recommence as soon as possible. Individuals will be contacted directly with this information.

Allocations for new referrals will not take place until February, therefore anyone who is awaiting confirmation should continue to follow their timetable until contacted by an Aspire worker or the school.

LEAF Project

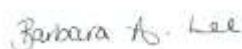
The LEAF project has been suspended until further notice. Any pupil who would normally attend on a Monday, should follow their timetable until school returns.

Resources

If your child requires any resources to support their learning at home or if you have any questions, please contact your child's Pupil Support Teacher or any member of the Senior Management Team.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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