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Children's Services

Our Ref:

Your Ref:

Date:

Dear Parents/Carers ,

I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break and would like to wish you a healthy and happy 2021. As you will be aware from the First Minister's recent announcement we will begin this busy and important term with a period of remote learning for the vast majority of our young people. The following link is the latest update from Stephen Quinn, Director of Children's Services in Renfrewshire Council: www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/schoolsupdate-0501

The school has been open from Wednesday this week for staff to help with the planning of our remote learning programme which will begin on Monday Jan 11th; and from Thursday to support children of key workers as well as some of our most vulnerable young people. All other pupils will access their learning programmes via Microsoft Teams. I understand this will be a challenging time for families trying to balance working at home with overseeing the learning of their children. Our staff and I will do everything we can to support you over the coming weeks and to make the remote learning experience as effective and engaging as possible. Please find some useful information about our Remote Learning offer attached to this letter.

I will be meeting with staff prior to Monday to outline our priorities for the weeks ahead which will be working to support the health and wellbeing of our young people; ensuring pupils can continue their learning over the coming weeks and providing feedback to pupils on the work they produce/participate in. We will also be reconfiguring our Assessment and Reporting calendar :S3 reports will be delayed slightly but should be with S3 parents and carers before the end of this month; Senior Phase Assessments due January for S4 and February for S5/6 will be rearranged. I will update you in the coming weeks. We will ensure pupils have advance warning of these assessments and have appropriate preparation time.

Remote learning activities will involve posting of activities/tasks; access to recorded lessons and opportunities to interact with teachers about work/ask questions etc. Staff may also provide- 'live lessons' for pupils to access. **Pupils should work at their own pace but should broadly follow their normal school timetable.** Teachers will signpost when they are available for question /feedback sessions in advance. If a pupil feels they are falling behind or not completing the work in time they should contact the class teacher to discuss the difficulty. There is no expectation that any parent teaches their child. Rather I would ask you to encourage your child to be ready at the start of the school day to access the remote learning activities and follow their school timetable as far as possible.

Year Heads will monitor pupil engagement via Teams and will post regularly on Year Group Teams to pass on information particular to specific year groups. Our Pastoral Care Team will contact a number of families week beginning Jan 18th to see how things are going and will be available should any pupil need help, advice or just want to talk. I would ask that you take the time to check your child is able to access glow from a home device. If your child does not know his/her username or password please contact us at parkmainshighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk .



Director of Children's Services: Steven Quinn

Our staff are mindful of the challenges our young people and their families face. Many of them are parents themselves who will be juggling the demands of teaching remotely whilst overseeing the learning of their own children. Please be assured they will do everything they can to support your child but should you require any additional assistance or information please contact your son/daughter's Principal Teacher of Pupil Support or appropriate Year Head , using the email address above.

We are here for you and would be happy to discuss any additional resources we can to help your child engage with their learning during this time. Please let us know if we can be of assistance.

Thank you for your continued support. Please look after yourselves, your family and friends and do not hesitate to get in touch if we can help in any way.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Dewar', written in a cursive style.

Michael Dewar

Head Teacher