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Dear Parents/Carers

Update on Wallace Hall's Action Plan for COVID-19 – Coronavirus

As you are aware schools are not closing at present. We have been working on our own Action Plan so that we are equipped to deal with the situation should that happen. We will continue to do this to ensure we are prepared for the worst, whilst hoping for the best.

Currently teachers are transferring their class work and study information for our senior phase pupils (S4-S6) onto Microsoft Teams so that pupils can access it from home. Microsoft Teams is accessed via Glow. We are aware that not all pupils use Glow regularly and may therefore not remember their passwords. By Monday we will have finalised a helpsheet for pupils and will be asking them to try logging in and to let us know if they cannot access the system. In those cases we will re-set their passwords.

We will continue with this process with the other year groups and hope to have this completed within the next week. Primary staff are currently planning for how they could support pupils' learning at home, and to ensure that this learning would be both purposeful and manageable for all families.

In the meantime there will be no class work provided for pupils whose parents choose to keep them at home. The school remains open and pupils are expected to attend.

Options interviews for pupils going in to S5 and S6 are due to take place within the next couple of weeks. As a safety net we will be asking those pupils to complete back-up option forms on Monday. This will allow us to work on a draft timetable if need be. There would still be an opportunity for changes to be made for individual pupils.

We are currently following government advice on all of our planned trips and await further details. We will let parents know as soon as we have that information.

Further advice from the government for people experiencing symptoms is that you should self-isolate for 7 days. You can find current information on NHS Inform <https://www.nhsinform.scot/> You should only contact your GP or NHS24 (111) if your condition deteriorates.

Parents and pupils can now, and during a school closure, contact the school on the appropriate email address at the top of this letter. The mail boxes will be monitored throughout a closure situation. If your question is for a specific member of staff the message will be forwarded to them and an answer sent to you via the school email address.

In the meantime we carry on as normal but we can reassure you that our staff will be working on additional arrangements to make sure we are prepared should government advice change.

Yours sincerely

Mr B Graham
Head Teacher



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