

Wallace Hall Update – 30.04.20 - COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

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Primary Wordpress website: <https://whplearning.wordpress.com/>

S1-S3 Wordpress website: <https://wallacehalllearninghub.wordpress.com/>

Public Health Phone Number: 01387 272724

NHS24 Phone Number: 111

NHS Website: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/>

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you are all well and staying safe.

Whole School

Home Learning Photos

Can you please continue to send your home learning photos to our school emails as we would like to share on social media? They are good inspiration for other pupils and families.

Visors for Staff Working in the NHS and Care Sector

Our staff have continued to make face visors for staff working in the care sector and the NHS and have now made around 1500, most of which have been distributed. We received an initial offer of funding from Dumfries and Galloway Council and are now looking into how we can raise funds to continue with this over the next few weeks as we have now exhausted our stock of acrylic. We have also received a couple of donations and offers of more from other people for which we are very grateful. We will update you as it becomes clearer on how we are able to fund the project. We have had many requests from organisations to supply them with visors and are delighted to be able to help wherever this type of PPE is required. If you, or someone you know, would like visors please get in touch with us, either by email or phone to the school office. Please press Ctrl+click on the link below to view a video from our staff at Wallace Hall:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_FvaNb1RbE

Weekend Opening

We will not be open this weekend as we have no pupils booked into The Hub. However, if you have an emergency need for childcare we have staff volunteers on standby who would be happy to come in over the weekend if required. If that happens please contact us by email at gw08officewallace@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

Cancelled School Trips

We have been working with DG Council on finding an appropriate way to make the refunds to parents. The Council's Insurers have agreed to meet any costs that we are unable to claim from the tour companies for trips up to 2nd July 2020 which means that parents will receive full refunds and schools will not be out of pocket. The Revenue and Benefits Section would use the PayPoint Cash Voucher Scheme to issue payments to those parents who qualify for a school trip refund. This is a simple process whereby the parent would be sent a voucher via SMS to their mobile phone. The parent would then redeem the voucher for cash at any PayPoint store. If, however, you would rather receive a cheque from our school fund that could be arranged.

We will be in touch with all parents who are due reimbursement by Groupcall over the coming fortnight. We will be asking you to confirm the name of the person to receive the refund (if not the main contact), the mobile number and the amount of the refund, as well as your chosen method i.e PayPoint Cash Voucher or School Fund cheque. After that we will ask the Revenue and Benefits Section to process the refunds and we will begin issuing school fund cheques.

The cancelled trips are:

- Primary 7 Edinburgh Trip (the remaining £10 deposit)
- S2 Residential
- Miss Carson's English Class Theatre Trip – An Inspector Calls
- Lionking Theatre Trip
- Creative Arts Trip to London
- Ardeche Trip
- S6 Trip to Blackpool

The Belmont Trip for new S1s in September has also been cancelled but no payments have been made by parents.

Miss Stuart is working on a change of date for the Battlefields trip, also due to go in September.

Primary

Home Learning

Class teachers have been amazed by all the fantastic home learning that is taking place and they are enjoying seeing some of it being shared by children and parents/carers on ClassDojo. Please continue to share some of your child's work and keep in touch with your child's class teacher. Thank you for sending us High 5 photos too, we hope that this structure has been useful for some children.

If you are having any problems either accessing the home learning website or connecting to ClassDojo please get in touch with the school office and we will do our best to help you.

Please remember that the school website (<https://www.wallacehall.co.uk/>) has lots of useful information for parents/carers such as advice about helping your child to stay safe online, links to Parentzone and Parent Club etc.

Transitions

We all hope that school reopens as soon as possible and that children will be able to take part in some of the more usual face to face transition activities. However, we are preparing alternative online transition plans that we hope will help your child to take their next step, whatever that may be, with as much familiarity and confidence as possible.

Further information will be sent out to Primary 7 pupils shortly.

ELC children who are moving up to Primary 1 after the summer will be receiving a timeline of online transition events and activities at the end of next week, and these activities will begin on Wednesday 13th May.

More detail will follow about transitions for children starting at the ELC in August and for all the children in the Primary who will be moving up to their next class.

Learning Conversations

Usually by this time of year we would have just completed our Spring Learning Conversations. Earlier in the school year we asked for your feedback to try to make these as positive and helpful as possible for you and your child, and the circumstance have meant that we have not been able to carry out the Learning Conversations in the way that we would have liked to. However, we will be sharing details of your child's progress and achievements up to the date of the school closure. More details about this will follow shortly.

Mrs Nelson

Mrs Nelson will be beginning her maternity leave on Wednesday 13th May. We would like to thank Mrs Nelson for all her hard work with Primary 4 and the whole Primary school this year, and we would like to wish her well over the coming months. Keep in touch Mrs Nelson, we are looking forward to hearing your good news! Mrs Renwick will take over Mrs Nelson's days during the school closure and plans are being made for alternative arrangements when school reopens.

Academy

SQA Exams – Information for Parents

The SQA have produced information from parents to explain how the results process with work this year. Please click on the following link for more information:

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/41312.html>

Senior Phase Learning

Senior Phase Learning will be starting on Monday 4th May. All pupils have received information on how to access this and should try to log in to Teams via Glow before then. Any issues contact the school via the office email address.

Harper Collins have created a special discount code for parents looking to buy resources in the coming days and weeks. The code '**L3cki3**' can be applied at the checkout of their website toward 50% OFF any Leckie products.

The website is:

<https://collins.co.uk/pages/scottish-curriculum-higher>

S6 University Applicants

If you've used all five choices, and you're not holding any offers, you'll be able to add another choice using UCAS Extra.

Extra is another chance for you to gain a place at university or college, between 25 February and 5 July. If you're eligible, during this period you'll be able to apply to additional universities, one at a time.

If you don't get the offer you want in Extra, don't worry – you can still use [Clearing](#) to add another choice. Please click on the link below:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/extra-choices>

Update on S6 Leavers Hoodies

Mrs Menzies put together a display of S6 photos wearing hoodies that she had received so far and posted on social media. She aims to do this regularly as photos come in. On top of that she has taken on the task of transferring them into a booklet, along with some other 'surprises' which will be given to all of our S6 as a leaving gift. Please encourage your S6s to send in their photos.

Here is the school management rota for next week:

	Saturday (standby)	Sunday (standby)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
w/c 02/05/20 Lead	G Arrowsmith	E Traill	K Bryden	R Fulton	J Blair	B Graham	J Carter
Reserve	N Riley	J Steele	A Meredith	K Bryden	J Carter	R Fulton	B Graham

Managers can be contacted via the school office between 9am-3pm. However, we would like to encourage everyone to contact us via the school email addresses, as above, as a first option. These will be monitored throughout the day.