

Wallace Hall Update – 10.04.20 - 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 that you are all managing to relax a bit over the 'holiday'.

Weekend Opening

As we said last week we had been asked to open at weekends for childcare purposes. At the moment we have no pupils booked in for this weekend and have been advised by the Authority that we do not need to be open on Saturday or Sunday. However, if you or your partner are a key worker and you would like to book your child(ren) in for childcare, please get in touch with us as soon as possible. If we still have nobody booked in, we will NOT be open, but we have staff volunteers on standby and would be happy to come in if you need emergency childcare over the weekend. If that happens please contact us by email at gw08officewallace@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

Primary - Fun Easter Activity Suggestions

We hope you are all enjoying the sunshine. If you are looking for some more ideas for fun activities to do at home, then the class teachers have put together a few Easter themed suggestions. You can find them on the class pages on the home learning website.

<https://whplearning.wordpress.com/>

We have already had several fantastic entries to the Easter egg decorating competition. It's easy for your child to join in, just email a photo of your child's decorated egg to gw08officewallacehal@ea.dumgal.sch.uk by Wednesday 22nd April.

Study Packs

A small number of families have indicated that they would like paper copies of work for pupils to complete at home. We have been creating these and they will be delivered to your homes by school minibus on a Monday or a Wednesday each week.

Leavers Hoodies

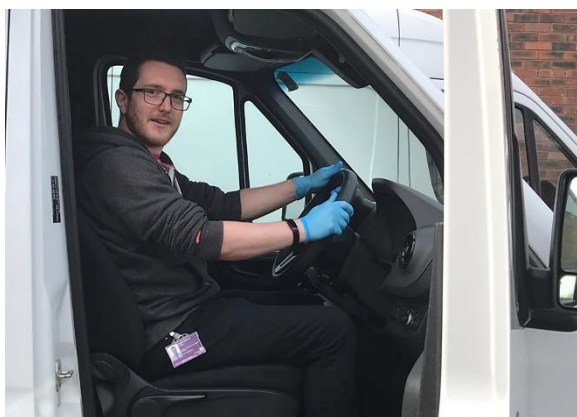
We will be delivering Leavers Hoodies during next week. Please do not be alarmed if you hear that others have received theirs but you haven't - they will be with you by the end of the week. Look out for our school minibus!

Provision of Work for Pupils

We continue to work together to ensure that we are providing the best for our pupils under these unusual circumstances which we now know will continue for some time. Currently we are exploring the options and we will send further information in next week's communication about what we have planned throughout all sections of the school.

Free School Meals

We think that every family who is eligible and who wishes to receive their FSM Boxes are doing so but if you wish to and haven't signed up for any reason, please do so or contact our school office for support with this. From Monday there will be no deliveries of any meals outwith the box deliveries on a Tuesday and a Friday. Wallace Hall staff and kitchen volunteers are working together to make sure that families are receiving their boxes over the holidays and for as long as this situation continues. Team Wallace Hall are happy at their work!



Lion King Theatre Trip

The theatre has advised us that they will be giving us a full refund for the tickets. We will reimburse parents once we have received their refund.

Creative Arts Trip to London

Although this trip is slightly outwith the current government guideline of 21st June, we have made the decision to cancel. If we didn't cancel now, we would have to make an additional payment which we may not get back if the government guidelines aren't extended further. However, we would not be comfortable taking a group of pupils to London right after lockdown ends and are sure that you would not want this either.

Belmont Trip for new S1 Pupils

Although this trip wasn't due to go until September we have decided to cancel because it would be difficult to take payments from parents during lockdown and we understand that some families will be suffering financial hardship due to their current circumstances. We are planning to hold an activities day for S1 pupils in school instead.

Ardeche Trip

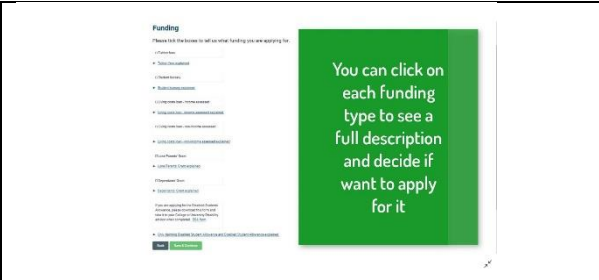
We are disappointed that we are having to cancel the Ardeche Trip but have been in touch with PGL, our tour operator, and they are not cancelling trips that are more than 28 days away at present. We will of course follow government guidelines but have to wait for a refund from the company before reimbursing parents. We will be in touch as soon as we receive that.

Summer Ball

We know this will come as a real disappointment to our S6 students but we have cancelled the Summer Ball. We are aware that this has been a very unusual and difficult end to their school years and hope that we can work with them to plan something which will give them good memories.

S5/S6 Parents

SAAS is now open for session 2020/21 and any pupil planning to go to study an HNC, HND or Degree course this autumn should go ahead and submit their application for funding as soon as they can. If this is their first application they will need to register with SAAS and put their first choice of course. If they need any additional guidance there is an application help video which should be watched before beginning their funding application. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJ3hUrcjpGY>

	<p>Application help 2020 - YouTube Global National: March 13, 2020 Trudeau speaks from isolation; Trump declares COVID-19 emergency - Duration: 21:47. Global News Recommended for you. New www.youtube.com</p>
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Pupils or parents/careers can also email our main school email address and we will try to help and they can also get in touch with SAAS via the 'Contact Us' option in their online account if there are specific queries.

SAAS are currently working on a toolkit of support available and scheduling online sessions on their Social Media channels and these will be shared in the coming weeks. There are also other videos on the SAAS YouTube channel which may be helpful- <https://www.youtube.com/user/fundingawareness>

Here is the school management rota for next week:

	Saturday (standby)	Sunday (standby)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
w/c 11/04/20 Lead	G Arrowsmith	E Traill	A Meredith	K Bryden	J Carter	R Fulton	B Graham
Reserve	N Riley	J Steele	K Bryden	R Fulton	J Blair	B Graham	J Carter

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.