

Wallace Hall Update – 20.07.20 - 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 and that you all continue to follow the health and wellbeing guidelines which have been shared from the Scottish and UK governments. We also hope you and your family have had a good summer although the weather and COVID 19 have made this challenging for us all.

Whole School

Planned Return of Schools

Scottish Government published its latest set of guidelines yesterday and this will help us to prepare for the start of the new school term on Wednesday 12th August 2020. All pupils from Wallace Hall ELC, Primary and Secondary will be able to return to school on a full time basis from that date and we look forward to welcoming everybody back.

Pupils, parents and staff will recognise that we have made a number of changes to support this return and help suppress the virus. We will send more detail on this on Wednesday of next week when we have had time to digest the latest guidance and also received further information from Dumfries and Galloway Council. If you do have any urgent questions before the start of term please contact us via the email address above.

Health & Wellbeing Enquiries

Mr Mack (Academy) and Mrs Meredith (Primary) will be available next week to discuss any health & wellbeing concerns that parents or pupils may have prior to the pupil return on 12th August. Please make contact via the school email address and he will get back to you.

Free School Meals Clothing Grant

The Free School Meal-School Clothing Grant online application is now live and can be accessed via this link: <https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/15246/School-clothing-grants>

Academy

SQA Results Information

On Tuesday 4th August all pupils will receive their SQA results. Many pupils will have signed up to receive these by text but all will also get their certificate through the post. The SQA have created a help page to provide information, support and resources with regard to the 2020 results and a link is shown below.

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/93677.html>

As a school we provided estimate grades for pupils to the SQA in June and they have used these to help inform the grades awarded to pupils. In some instances the SQA may have awarded a grade which is lower than what the school has estimated. Where there is a strong case the school may appeal this decision and make use of the post certification process, more detail can be found in the Wallace Hall SQA Policy on the school website and using the following link.

<https://www.wallacehall.co.uk/pi-sqa-exams>

In some instances a subject may be missing from a certificate. If this is the case the SQA have not awarded a pass in the subject. Where this is the case some individual unit passes may appear instead as during the course of the year a pupil may have done well enough in individual assessments to have been awarded a unit pass.

If you have an urgent enquiry about your child's results that cannot wait until the school opens on 12th August, you can phone the school office between 9am-3pm on Tuesday 4th August where a member of the office team will take the details and someone from our Senior Management Team will call you back. If your enquiry is about changing subject, however, you will receive a call back on either Monday 10th or Tuesday 11th August from Mr Blair.

Due to GDPR guidelines we can only share estimate grades we provided to the SQA with pupils and that can be done on their return to school with the Principal Teacher of the specific subject. Class teachers will not share this information.