

Wallace Hall Update – 17.04.20 - COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

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Academy email address: gw08officewallace@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

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 and your family are well, and that you have enjoyed the sunny Easter break.

Future Communication

From next week we will continue to send an update to parents each Friday. If there is anything that is more urgent we will send that to you as and when required. If you feel like you have a question that hasn't been answered please send that to the school email address and we will get back to you.

Easter egg decorating competition

Thank you to those of you who have already entered the Easter egg decorating competition. There is still plenty of time if your child would like to join in, just email a photo of your child's decorated egg to gw08officewallacehal@ea.dumgal.sch.uk by Wednesday 22nd April. Prize winners for each class will be announced on Friday 24th April and the prizes will be delivered the following week.

Home Learning for ELC and Primary Pupils

It is four weeks since school closed and the ELC and Primary staff are really missing all the children! We are keen to say hello, see and hear how your child is getting on with their home learning, celebrate your child's achievements and be on hand to offer help. Early next week we will provide information about how you and your child can contact your child's teacher(s) and we are really looking forward to hearing from you!

Next week we will be sharing some optional guidance on how to structure your child's home learning in a fun and engaging way.

New learning grids for each class will be on the home learning website in time for Monday morning ready for the new week and the beginning of a new term.

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

Provision of Work for Pupils in the BGE and Senior Phase

We have surveyed staff and we are now looking at delivering senior phase course work starting on 4th May. This means that every pupil in the current S3, S4 and S5 will effectively move up and being their SQA courses earlier than normal. We will be sending out more detail about this within the next two weeks. In the meantime work will continue to be delivered via <https://wallacehalllearninghub.wordpress.com/>.

BGE classes (current S1 and S2) will continue to be delivered in the same way but we will monitor this for the first few weeks and may also make changes with the delivery of these courses.

Access to Digital Device/Internet

We are trying to understand how many of our Primary and ELC families are not able to participate or access online learning during this period of school closure because they either have no access to a digital device in the home or have limited or no internet access.

Please could you reply to this very short survey:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKdbCRgmX9NpCjhc9r0Qibs1URTgxUEtYNVJIWUFBRDhUQ0JQTfc5MUpUMi4u> if you have not already done so via Groupcall sent earlier today.

Weekend Opening

As we said previously 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 who 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

Senior Phase News - Reassurance for students during coronavirus outbreak. Extra time for prospective students to decide.

Prospective university and college students are being reassured that they will receive their results on time, and universities and colleges will assess qualifications as part of the admissions process.

Minister for Further Education and Higher Education Richard Lochhead has written to students emphasising that their educational futures are being protected during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Universities are also being urged to observe a moratorium on changing offers made to undergraduate students

Leavers Hoodies

We are pleased to say that all S6 hoodies were delivered on Wednesday by Mr Riley, Mrs Black, Mr Laverty and Ms Robertson who really enjoyed chatting to S6 pupils and families on their travels. We would be delighted to receive photos of our S6's in their hoodies and would add them to a gallery that could be shared amongst them. Please encourage them to do this by sending their photo to our school email address.

Cancellation of all Trips/Activities

We are continuing to work with tour companies and other providers to attempt to secure full refunds. We are also looking at the best way to get those refunds to parents but this will take a bit of time so please bear with us. If a trip or event is cancelled parents will receive a full refund of all amounts paid to date. Once we have gathered all of the information we will be in touch with parents who are due refunds. We appreciate your patience.

We are disappointed that we are having to cancel the S2 Residential Trip to Manchester. We have been in touch with the Hostel involved with the stay and are currently awaiting a refund from them. We will keep you posted on this process and endeavour to deliver full refunds of the amounts paid by individuals.

Here is the school management rota for next week:

| | Saturday (standby) | Sunday (standby) | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| w/c 18/04/20 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.