

Wallace Hall Update – 21.05.20 - 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 you are all well and staying safe.

Whole School

Planned Return of Schools

Following the announcement from the First Minister today it looks like staff will be back in school some time during June to prepare for a start in August. We are not yet clear about how that will look but will let you know as soon as we have more information.

Weekend Opening and Childcare Bookings

If possible, can you please let us know by 3pm on a Wednesday when you require childcare for the following week? That will allow us to ensure the correct number of staff are booked to be in school each day.

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

Everyone who requested a cheque refund should now have received their cheques, either by school minibus delivery or by post. If you do not receive it by Monday please get in touch with us. If you requested a PayPoint voucher it will be processed by the Council and sent to you by text message. If you have received an email but have not yet replied can you please do so as soon as possible so we can get your refund to you.

Mental Health Awareness Week 18th-24th May 2020

Today is 'Wear it Green' day and Wallace Hall staff are looking forward to having a virtual chat and a cuppa with each other this afternoon. Have you done anything special during mental health week? If so we would love to see your photos and stories about any acts of kindness your children have carried out or that have been done towards them. Please send them in to the school email.

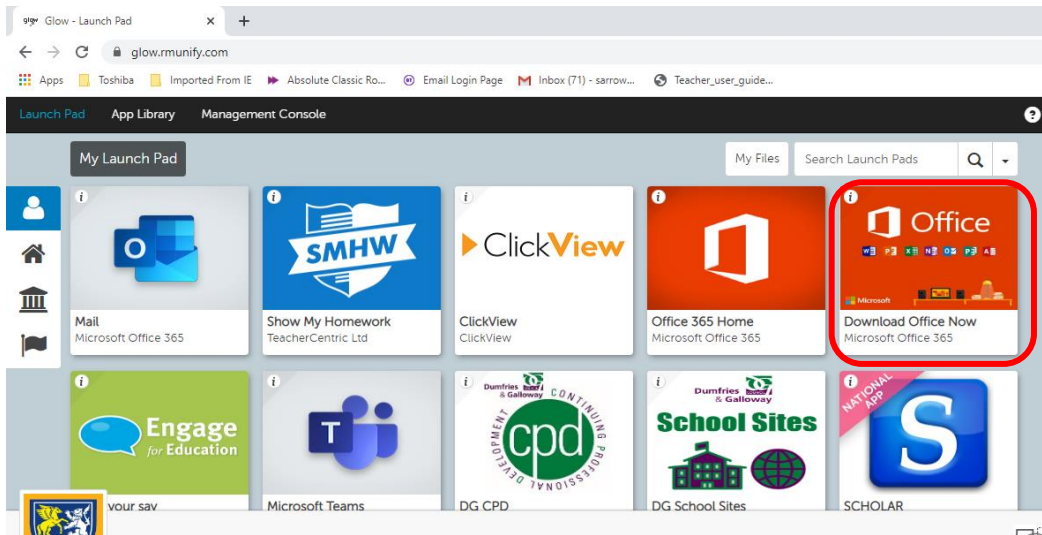
National Parent Forum of Scotland

Please see below a link which provides some useful information on how to support learning at home.

<https://www.npfs.org.uk/downloads/learning-at-home-in-lockdown/>

Downloading Microsoft Office for free

Pupils are reminded that they can download Microsoft Office for free at home. This will enable them, for example, to use Microsoft Word for school work and then hand in to teachers. It also contains Excel for spreadsheets and Publisher for posters, leaflets etc. The download is on the 'Launch Pad' shown below when pupils log into glow. If there are any problems, please email the school office.



Free School Meals – Boxes or Cash Payment

If you are eligible to receive free school meals for your child(ren) and would like a cash payment instead of the weekly meal box, please click on the following link to access the application form:

<https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpb9saW5rX2lkljoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGjIjYsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkljoiMjAyMDA1MDQuMjEwMDY0NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3N1cHBvcnRkZy5kdW1nYWwuZ292LnVrL0NWMTIzY2hvb2xtZWZscyJ9.TFO5xRorHMNJMa2LqTtzgZc2aRfi3-tz5xjIOK8ZG90/br/78194543844-l>

You need to register by 10.00pm on a Tuesday for a direct payment on a Friday. This is a rolling programme until schools return or the end of term. In the meantime you will continue to receive your Food Boxes.

School Management Rota

Here is the school management rota for next week:

	Saturday (standby)	Sunday (standby)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
w/c 16/05/ 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.

PrimaryHome Learning

Lots of children have enjoyed participating in a region wide Sumdog contest this week, and the teachers have enjoyed cheering them along!

If you would like to be connected to ClassDojo and need any help in getting connected please get in touch.

The home learning website will be updated a little earlier from now on. The grids and resources for the following week will be uploaded on a Thursday. The work set is for children to begin on the Monday as before, but some parents/carers may like to have a look in advance.

Ordering Primary Uniform

We have attached an order form for school uniform. We will process all of the orders as they come in so that everyone will have their new uniforms for the start of the new session. You can either pay by sending a school cheque made out to 'Wallace Hall Primary' or by BACS transfer into our account, details as follows:

Account name: Wallace Hall Primary

Account No: 00280596

Sort Code: 80-19-02

Reference: *This should be the child's name and class - uniform*

Using Glow email to contact friends

We know that all the children are missing their friends. Children might like to use Glow email to contact their friends, and some children may be doing this already. Glow is Scotland's nationally available digital environment for education. Children in Primary 4 - 7 have used email before, and know how to get onto Glow using their username and password. Children in Primary 1 - 3 are not as familiar with using email and may not have come across it at all yet. If your child is in P1-3 and would like their Glow log in, then please email the school office and any log in details will be sent out over the course of next week along with a 'how to' guide. Please note that this is completely optional, and there is no requirement for your child to use email. Your child will not miss any home learning opportunities if they do not use email.

When children are being taught about using email at school, teachers and children would be discussing how to use email safely and responsibly, and talking about making sure that everything that children write and share with

someone in an email is kind, friendly and appropriate. If your child is using email please take the time to talk to them about this. The following websites have lots of videos and advice about staying safe and acting responsibly online and contain different resources aimed at different ages of children.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends-videos/>

[Jessie Friends videos - ThinkUKnow](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends-videos/)

Jessie & Friends is a safe and age appropriate resource. The Jessie & Friends animations are age-appropriate and do not depict any situations where adults communicate with children online. Instead, they show safe, non-scary situations which help young viewers identify things which might worry them online. For example, in Episode 3 an older ...

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/grown-ups/

[Grown Ups - Thinkuknow 8-10s](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/grown-ups/)

Grown Ups The Play Like Share animations and Band Runner game are part of a package of resources created by the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command, designed to help 8-10 year olds learn how to stay safe online.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-3-11s>



[Resources for 3-11s | Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-3-11s)

A website by the BBC full of fun and empowering tips, insight, stories and advice to help 9-12 year olds online. CBBC Newsround Special 'Caught In The Web' This special programme follows the story of the Lost Princess, who gets into danger after meeting someone in a chatroom. Jordan & Perri Safer Internet Quiz.

www.saferinternet.org.uk

Academy

S1-2 Home Learning (new S2-S3)

All S1 and S2 Parents should have received an email with information and login details for Satchel One (formerly Show My Homework). We will be using this platform to set home learning tasks for S1 and S2 pupils as of Monday 25th May. Another email with further information will be sent out on Friday. If you have any problems with the system please contact the school by phone or email.

For guidance on using Show My Homework please use the following links:

For parents - [A Parent's Guide to Show My Homework](#)

For pupils - [A Student's Guide to Show My Homework](#)

WHA Career Mentoring Programme

Parents of senior pupils were emailed last week with details of our Career Mentoring 2020 programme. The programme offers pupils in their final year of school the opportunity to be matched with a mentor from the wider business community. Their mentor will support them with future plans, personal statements, CVs and mock interviews. The one-to-one sessions will allow pupils to prepare for higher education, employment, an apprenticeship and life beyond school. Any pupil who is interested in participating should complete the application form which was attached to the email. Please contact Mrs Wood on the following email address if you have any further questions:
gw09woodanne@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

We have limited spaces so please don't delay.