

Wallace Hall Update – 02.07.20 - COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you are all well and staying safe. We are aware that this has not been an easy time for pupils or parents and we look forward to a return to 'normal' in August. We realise that there is still some clarity to come for us all and we hope to have that to you in good time before pupils are due to return on Wednesday 12th August.

We do not intend to send any communications to you over the next few weeks unless there is anything that can't wait until the end of July/beginning of August. We sincerely hope that you can all have a good summer break.

Whole School

Planned Return of Schools

You will have received an additional communication on Tuesday from our Director of Education, Skills and Learning earlier this week about the model for the re-opening of schools in Dumfries and Galloway. Any further information regarding the re-opening of schools will be sent out to parents as and when we receive it.

We have attached a list of the term dates and school holidays for next session at the end of this communication.

Summer Holiday Bookings for Childcare Places

Registration for the summer hub closed last Sunday. There is a summer hub at Wallace Hall but only those who applied for places and have been accepted can attend. This begins on Friday 3rd July and runs until Friday 7th August.

Free Sanitary Products

Pupils are entitled to receive free sanitary products. If you would like to take up this offer please do so via the following link:

<https://supportdg.dumgal.gov.uk/free-sanitary>

Academy

Home Learning

Thank you to both pupils and parents for your engagement and hard work in undertaking the home learning tasks set on Teams or Satchel One. If your children haven't managed to complete all the work it will remain available (on both Teams and Satchel) over the Summer holidays so that pupils can get caught up. We would strongly encourage pupils that are behind to try to catch up, this will allow them to get the best possible start in August. However, please be aware Teachers will not be available to respond to questions during the holiday period.

SQA Results

Senior Pupils will receive their exam certificates from the SQA on Tuesday 4th August. Due to the exam diet being cancelled the process for awarding grades has been very different from previous years. In addition to this the SQA have launched a post-certification review process to replace the post-results service they have used in previous years. More information about all aspects of the process for awarding grades this year can be found on our website or on the SQA website.

<https://www.wallacehall.co.uk/pi-sqa-exams> (link to Wallace Hall Academy SQA policy)

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/93825.html> (link to parent and carer information page on SQA website)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY AND SESSION DATES 2020/21

Term	Dates of Attendance
1	<p>Staff Return Monday 10th August 2020</p> <p>Teachers (INSET) Monday 10th August 2020</p> <p>Tuesday 11th August 2020</p> <p>Pupils Return Wednesday 12th August 2020</p> <p>Schools Close Friday 9th October 2020</p> <p>Autumn Holiday Monday 12th October 2020 – Friday 23rd October 2020</p>
2	<p>Schools Re-open Monday 26th October 2020</p> <p>Schools Close Friday 18th December 2020</p> <p>Christmas Holiday Monday 21st December 2020 – Monday 4th January 2021</p>
3	<p>Staff Return Tuesday 5th January 2021</p> <p>Teachers (INSET) Tuesday 5th January 2021</p> <p>Pupils Return Wednesday 6 January 2021</p> <p>Mid-Term Holiday Monday 15th February 2021 – Wednesday 17th February 2021</p> <p>Teachers (INSET) Thursday 18th February 2021</p> <p>Friday 19th February 2021</p> <p>Pupils Return Monday 22nd February 2021</p> <p>Schools Close Friday 26th March 2021</p> <p>Spring Holiday Monday 29th March 2021 – Friday 9th April 2021</p>
4	<p>Schools Re-Open Monday 12th April 2021</p> <p>May Day Holiday Monday 3rd May 2021</p> <p>Schools Close Friday 25th June 2021</p> <p>Summer Holiday Monday 28th June 2021 – Tuesday 17th August 2021</p>