

## Wallace Hall Update – 04.06.20 - COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

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NHS Website: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/>

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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you are all well and staying safe.

## Whole School

### Planned Return of Schools

We are awaiting more information from Scottish Government and our Local Authority on how we plan to re-open in August. As we said before we will keep you updated as information becomes clear. It is likely that there will be additional correspondence on top of our weekly update. However, we wanted to let you know that we are all working very hard behind the scenes on a draft plan on things like:

- How blended learning will work
- Transport
- Timetable and class organisation
- Breaks/lunches/ one-way system and maintaining social distancing
- Toilets and sanitation/PPE
- Signage
- Health & Safety including risk assessments
- Supporting pupils and informing parents
- Communication

and many other topics relating to the re-opening of our school. We hope that we are in a position to share more information with you soon and we intend to share our final plans with you before the summer break begins on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. We believe that new signage will be put up over the next couple of weeks and then we can share a virtual tour with you all so that you can see for yourselves what changes have been made.

### Celebrating Volunteers Week

Please find below a link to a video we have made of our staff volunteers at Wallace Hall during the COVID 19 pandemic. Third Sector Dumfries asked for this to be done as they wanted to celebrate our volunteers this week. Many thanks to Mr McKenna and his fiancée for putting this together.

<https://www.facebook.com/thirdsectordg/videos/vb.708615899165891/912549072550602/?type=2&theater>

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](mailto:gw08officewallace@ea.dumgal.sch.uk)

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.eyJidWxsZXRpb9saW5rX2kljoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljaylslmJ1bGxldGluX2kljoiMjAyMDA1MDQuMjEwMDY0NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3N1cHBvcnRkZy5kdW1nYWwuZ292LnVrL0NWMTIzY2hvb2xtZWZscyJ9.TFO5xRorHMNJMa2LgTtzgZc2aRfi3-tz5xjI0K8ZG90/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:

	<b>Saturday (standby)</b>	<b>Sunday (standby)</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>w/c 06/06/ 20 Lead</b>	G Arrowsmith	E Traill	A Meredith	K Bryden	E Mack	R Fulton	B Graham
<b>Reserve</b>	N Riley	J Steele	E Mack	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.

**Primary**Health Week and 'Beat the Pro'

We hope that Health Week has been an enjoyable opportunity for the whole family to get involved and thank you for sending in photos of some of the fun healthy activities that have been happening. If you would like a photo of your child joining in Health Week to feature in the school montage that Mr Law is creating, please send a photo to the primary school office email address.

Next week Mr Law is planning 'Beat the Pro' activities for Health and Wellbeing. The 'professionals' are the teachers in this case, so look out for a new video on the home learning website and ClassDojo each day with the teachers demonstrating some of their sporty skills! Your child can have some fun trying out some of these skills too.

### Learning grids resume next week

Next week the usual class learning grids will resume. Please continue to look at <https://whplearning.wordpress.com/> to find all the information that your child will need. The teachers are really enjoying looking at your child's hard work on ClassDojo and giving feedback, please continue to share the great work that your child is doing. If you need any help with using ClassDojo please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### Microsoft Teams 'Teacher and class group chats'

From the 8th June we will be beginning to use Glow and Microsoft Teams to have 'Teacher and class group chats'. These chats are an opportunity for your child to chat to their class teacher and to some of their classmates.

On Monday 8th June information about a date and time for your child's chat will be sent to your email address. We hope your child will be able to join in! Please don't worry if your child can't join the chat next week, there will be opportunities each week until the holidays.

Please click the following link to find a helpsheet explaining how to help your child log in to Glow, and how to join the chat.

<https://whplearning.wordpress.com/classdojo-help/>

Your child's class teacher will organise for small groups of children to join the chat. Just so you know what to expect, all the children in the chat will be able to see their teacher but the children's videos won't be working so they won't be able to see each other. They will all hear each other though. The groups will be changed each week so that the children have the opportunity to talk to different classmates.

Next week will be the first time teachers have used Microsoft Teams with pupils remotely so please bear with us - we will be trying our best to make sure it goes smoothly but there may be a few hiccups along the way!

## **Academy**

### Information from SQA on Awards Process for this year

Please click on the link below to view a comprehensive account from SQA of their processes for this year only.

[https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files\\_ccc/SQ-parent-carer-update-NQ-2020-Awarding.pdf](https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/SQ-parent-carer-update-NQ-2020-Awarding.pdf)

### Virtual tour

This video has been made with our new S1 pupils in mind. We will of course post another one when our new signage is up.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=1&v=45hFO3B7T4g&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=45hFO3B7T4g&feature=emb_logo)