

Wallace Hall Update – 16.03.20 - COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are going to send you an update at the end of every day in order to keep you informed. The information above the line will be on each day's communication. Please be aware that we are following advice from the local authority who, in turn, are following advice from the Scottish Government, NHS and Public Health.

- We held an assembly for S4-S6 pupils today and the key areas of discussion were:
 - ❖ SQA
 - ❖ Class work/study information
 - ❖ Support during a school closure
- We had a few enquiries from parents looking for advice on symptoms. We cannot give medical advice, but we can provide you with the NHS link which has recently been updated:

<https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/a-to-z-of-topics/covid-19/>

- We have completed the help guide for pupils in S4-S6 this afternoon and it is attached. Pupils will receive a hard copy of this at registration tomorrow. We are confident that this means S4-S6 pupils will have work to keep them going as well as a means of contact with their class teacher, whether they are self-isolating or whether schools are closed.
- We are creating a website for S1-S3 pupils and we will place class work onto there. We aim to have that completed within the next day or two. Further information will come out about that.
- The Primary School are also creating a website for class work/tasks which children could be working on at home and information on how you will access this will also be sent out within the next couple of days. We will update you on that as soon as we have it ready.
- Information has been sent out to Register Teachers to go through with S1-S3 pupils tomorrow morning:
- **Info for S1-S3 Register Classes**
- The simplest way to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus is to wash your hands for 20 seconds or more.

- Given that we are also encouraged to keep our distance from others wherever it is possible, it would be a good idea if more people were outside before school, at morning interval, at lunchtime and after school.
- We are hoping for the best but planning for the worst so we have to consider what we would do if the school does have to shut. The decision to shut the school will not be made by the school, but by the UK Government, Scottish Government and/or the local authority.
- If the school does shut and you need to contact a member of school staff, for any reason, then please do this via the school email address. Your message will be passed to the relevant member of staff and a response will be sent to you.
- If the school closes please continue to follow personal hygiene advice and avoid busy places
- NHS Inform website has the most up-to-date information if you have a health question.
- Please keep an eye on old/disabled and sick people within your community and offer to get shopping or whatever they need. However, you should not go into their houses or have direct contact with them.
- A copy of this information will also be on the school website.