

Wallace Hall Update – 28.04.22 - COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

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Dear Parent/Carer

WHOLE SCHOOL

Please note this this coming Monday, 2nd May, is a public holiday and the school will be closed. We hope everyone enjoys their long weekend.

Message from the Scottish Government

When children and young people with symptoms should stay at home and when they can return to education:

- Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive test result:

- It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.
- If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.
- Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

ACADEMY

SQA

Message from the SQA regarding the exam diet

The exams taking place over the next six weeks are a chance for all learners to demonstrate their hard work, skills and knowledge.

Please continue to follow public health guidance, including during the exam period.

The Scottish Government's [current public health guidance](#) remains in place up to and including 30 April. This asks individuals to self-isolate if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID and to book a PCR test.

However, as per the Test and Protect Transition Plan published on 15 March 2022, public health guidance is set to change in Scotland from 1 May.

As set out on the Public Health Scotland website, this new guidance will be published on [NHS Inform](#) on 1 May and will broadly align with the [current UKHSA 'Stay at Home' advice](#) that asks children and young people to stay at home if they have a high temperature and feel unwell.

It is important that you speak to the school/college if you cannot attend the exam for any reason so that you get the advice and support you need on next steps.

More information about attending exams can be found in [‘Your Exams 2022’](#) on the SQA website.

SQA Exam diet

With the SQA Exam diet underway we would like to wish all pupils the very best of luck with their exams. They have worked hard this year and the exams are an opportunity to demonstrate how well they have understood the work they have completed in class and at home. As noted in the above advice from the SQA we would encourage all pupils to attempt an exam if they are well enough to do so. If things don't go well on the day then we will support pupils with the appeals process which will be available in August.