

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope everyone is doing as well as possible. Please see below an update on a number of matters:

PPE Production

This week, several hundred items of PPE were picked up by Emma Eaton, former Braes pupil, who is spearheading local efforts to deliver PPE to appropriate locations. Many thanks go to the staff involved in our school for their work on this.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council met online this week with updates given on matters such as current learning provision, proposed P7 transition arrangements, ongoing pastoral care and the Onwards and Upwards programme.

Moving Learning On

Thanks go to all staff involved in making the preparation for moving learning on as of Monday 11th May. Having spoken with Faculty Heads it is clear strong plans are in place for teachers to issue welcome messages via new Teams groups to newly formed groups and classes. A great deal of work has gone in to ensuring we are in a position to ensure our pupils are engaging with their next level of learning and it is very much appreciated. This week you will have received communications from Mr Ironside regarding approaches to remote learning and the provision of learning resources, and from Mrs Cotter outlining arrangements for moving learning onto the next level. Creating a new timetable and options process is always a significant and complex process, exacerbated this session of course by the current working arrangements. However we have made the decision to bring forward this move to the next level of learning in order that pupils have the opportunity to continue to progress well. I would stress to families however, that our message remains that our expectation is that pupils do what they can, when they can. While we recognise that it is of course important our pupils continue to learn and progress, and that engagement in learning is helpful to wellbeing, we appreciate that all families are facing different and challenging situations.

As Mrs Cotter outlined, to help with clarity over set tasks the following arrangements will be in place:

For new S2 and S3 pupils, all tasks set should be **via Show My Homework only**. These messages on Show My Homework can of course then allow staff to direct pupils towards Teams pages or other online resources as preferred. However by posting all set tasks on Show My Homework, this provides a consistency of practice for pupils.

For new S4-6 pupils, all tasks set should located in the '**Assignments' section of class Microsoft Teams**.

Although inevitably there will be issues to resolve in this move to the next level of learning, given its complexity, we look forward to seeing our pupils continue to progress in the coming weeks of this term. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of your young person's learning, please see the email contacts below:

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Finally, I hope that everyone who has the Friday holiday tomorrow can enjoy it as much as you can, and the weekend when it comes.

Iain Livingstone