

Coronavirus: Key Information for Parents/Carers (18/3/2020)



- **School Closures**

We have not been advised of any imminent plans to close schools in Scotland. However, you will be aware that there has been considerable speculation that this may happen at some point and staff are therefore preparing for this possibility.

- **Home Learning**

Staff are currently working hard to develop mechanisms for maintaining learning and teaching in the event of closure, or for cases of self-isolation. Guidance will be published on the school website in due course.

Please contact your child's primary class teacher or secondary Guidance Teacher if your child does not have access to the internet at home.

Please also encourage your children to ensure that they have their GLOW and Show My Homework passwords and additionally, S4-6 pupils should make sure they have their SCHOLAR passwords.

- **SQA Examinations**

As of the morning of 18/03/20, SQA has not announced alternative arrangements to substitute for the published exam diet, though this may also change. In the interim, we are continuing with SQA processes and working towards meeting all SQA deadlines. Staff are, however, considering what evidence they have for pupils should 'exceptional circumstances' arrangements replace examinations and results are therefore based on estimates and evidence.

SQA are encouraging all young people to register on MySQA for regular updates - https://www.mysqa.org.uk/cs8/content/secure/my_homepage.jsp

- **Prevention**

All staff and pupils are being encouraged to maintain good hand hygiene and 'catch it, bin it, kill it' if coughing or sneezing. We will also continue to reinforce these messages with our young people.

- **If your child has symptoms**

On 16th March the Government announced that anyone in a household of more than one person developing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should self-isolate for 14 days, along with all those sharing the household. This rule should also be applied retrospectively to symptoms developed prior to 16th March.

These symptoms are:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature

Please note that this updated guidance means that if you or any of your children are experiencing these symptoms, siblings should also self-isolate.

Please contact the school in the usual way and inform us if your child or children are self-isolating.

- **School Excursions**

Please note that the school has been advised to cancel all non-essential events. This will include all extra-curricular events and most excursions or events working with partners.

- **Campus Closure**

You may also be aware that the Breadalbane Community Campus is now closed to the public to minimise risk to staff and pupils. This means that there will be no non-essential public access to any areas of the Campus, including the Community Library and Live Active Leisure facilities. Registrar facilities remain open.