



Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year. I understand that the situation we find ourselves in is far from ideal but I really do hope that you and your family had a restful time over the holiday period and that this year is going to bring good things, even if they are not here yet.

I know that like me you will be disappointed that we are back in a Lockdown situation but hopefully like me the news of vaccines is helping to keep you positive as we put in place our Learning@Home programme for the second time. Continuing to be positive, I hope also that this will only continue until the end of the month but please be assured that we will adapt and refine our offer should it last longer and, as always, we will ensure that there are opportunities for you to provide feedback.

Learning@Home

S1 and S2 - Week 1

Students will follow the timetable on our website which consists of 4 blocks of learning as per last lockdown.

S1 and S2 - Week 2

Students will follow the 4-block timetable but work will be provided through Faculty Teams.

S3 - 6

These students will follow their normal timetable (with a couple of tweaks for core subjects). Staff will be on Teams, **where possible**, at the same time as their class to provide teaching and support. This may be answering questions through the chat function, screen sharing, starting off a task or full on live teaching. Where this is not possible due to lack of childcare or teaching in our Hub then we will have a common slide/message to share with classes. Your child will still be provided with their work for this time and their teacher will arrange feedback as appropriate. Teachers will record any live input so that students who are unwell or unavailable can access the lesson later.

All students will register through our website.

Support for you and your family

As always, our website is the first port of call for advice and support. This is where you will find information about your child's learning offer and where help and support for learning and life in lockdown can be found too. Please find below specific Scottish Government guidance for parents/carers which was released on Wednesday:

Information to support parents includes:

- A [Parent Club COVID-19 internet microsite](#), which contains advice on working from home whilst caring for children, advice on helping children with remote and blended learning as well as links to advice and support resources for parents of children with additional support needs.
- Education Scotland's [Parentzone Scotland](#) website includes advice for parents, families and practitioners on supporting children and young people's learning during COVID-19.
- The [National Parent Forum Nutshell guide on blended learning](#), published in August 2020. This joins further Nutshells on [Supporting Learning at Home during "lockdown"](#) and on [online safety](#).
- Education Scotland's [Scotland Learns](#) initiative provides newsletters and online resources for teachers and for parents/carers.

I have also attached the expectations for your child during online learning. I hope that you find these useful.

I know that we will work together to provide the best possible experiences that we can under the circumstances and as always your input to working together will be invaluable. Please note that the next Parent and Carer Council meeting takes place on Monday 11 at 6.30pm.

Until then please do continue to take care, stay connected, and most importantly, stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Hazel Kinnear', written in a cursive style.

Hazel Kinnear

Head Teacher