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Dear Parent/Carer

**INFORMATION TO SUPPORT PARENTS OF PUPILS**

**WHO ARE SELF-ISOLATING FROM SCHOOL**

I am writing in response to the ongoing test and protect measures that are taking place in the school. As you will be aware, a number of Johnstone High School pupils have been required to self-isolate since school returned in August. Like you, I am concerned about time missed at school and the impact this is having on their learning, particularly for pupils in S4-6 who are undertaking certificated SQA courses. However, we must follow the guidance to keep our community safe, and self-isolation is a key pillar of the national approach.

If you are contacted by NHS test and protect to tell you that your child must self-isolate, it is important that the family follows the advice given. If the contact happened in school, we will also send a letter to you on their behalf. This will tell you the last day of self-isolation and when your child can return to school.

When the school was subject to test and protect, we were one of the first in Scotland to be impacted. We also had a number of staff off who were either ill, close contacts themselves, or who had a child who was a contact. In other words, we were under a great deal of pressure. All staff are now back at work and have been for some time. As a result, we now have a multi-layered approach to supporting pupils who are self-isolating:

1. Ask your child to login to **show my homework (S1-3) or Microsoft teams (S4-6)**. The teachers have placed materials on there, although they are not putting full lessons on as they cannot teach in person all day and fully support a digital offer at the same time.
2. We have a Johnstone High **learning at home website** that has lots of materials on it across a range of subjects and year groups. You can find this by scrolling down on the Johnstone High main website or by typing:

[**http://bit.ly/jhsremote**](http://bit.ly/jhsremote)

1. There is now a **Renfrewshire Council remote learning website**. Subject specialists across the 11 high schools have placed materials on a blog area here, and twice a week each subject will have a Renfrewshire teacher run a ‘surgery’ where pupils can ask questions or get help. Mr Glen (Physics) and Mrs Campbell (French) from JHS are helping out along with several other Renfrewshire teachers.

The blog site is still in progress but there is some content available (more being added each week). This site is designed to compliment the work sent home by the school and also contains a parents’ information section.

[**https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/remotelearning/**](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/remotelearning/)

To access the twice weekly teacher support in each subject, your child needs to log into Glow, click on Team and Join Team. The code is **88lizds**. This will open up the additional staff support on the Renfrewshire Teams site, and the timetable for staff can be viewed here.

1. If your child is in S4-6, our **raising attainment booster class programme** can also be found on our website. These sessions are taught online in the evenings / weekends. These sessions are delivered by JHS staff and pupils can attend as many sessions as they chose.
2. Our **assessment calendar** is also on the website. This covers learners S1-6. Parents and carers can find out what assessments are coming up and can support their child to plan their studies accordingly.

If you have any problems with any of the above, please contact the school office on 0300 300 1331 (if your child has forgotten a team code, the office staff have the entire list of codes for every class in the senior phase!). The school office will also direct any enquiries to the appropriate member of staff.

Please note that we are recording when our young people are self-isolating and will be engaging with the SQA ‘exceptional circumstances’ process for those young people in S4-6 who miss learning time for covid-related reasons.

Finally, it is important that if your child is self-isolating they stay in a routine and check in to their subjects every day. It goes without saying that they must also stay at home and obey their self-isolation. If you have concerns about your child’s wellbeing or mental health, again, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s pastoral teacher who will be pleased to talk through supports and sign-post you to appropriate services.

With very best wishes to you and your family at this difficult time,



Lynne Hollywood

Head Teacher