

St Benedict's High School

Bridge of Weir Road, Johnstone, PA5 8EX

Tel: 0300 300 1441 Website: www.oraetlabora.co.uk

Email: stbenedictshighenquires@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Twitter: @stbenedictsren

Head Teacher: Alan Taylor



Renfrewshire
Council

Children's Services

Dear Parents / Carers

UPDATE NO. 14

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to report another positive week with encouraging levels of pupil engagement across year groups.

Pupil Voice

Last week, the senior leadership team engaged in a series of meetings with pupils in order to gather their views on our current remote learning arrangements. This information has been shared with all staff to help inform their practice. I am pleased to report that feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Pupils described experiencing a wide variety of learning activities with supports available, helping them to progress in their learning.

A full report will be shared with the Parent council. Minutes will be made available on our website under the Parent Council TAB.

Health and Wellbeing

This week is children's mental health week. A variety of activities have been planned across the week. Details will also be shared through our twitter feed.

Please also refer to my previous week's communication for a list of supports available for both parents and young people.

Planning for return

This week, Scottish Government is expected to announce whether it will be possible for pupils to begin to return to school. This would most likely be a phased return (from mid February). We await this announcement with hope, and I will provide further details to you as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we will continue to work hard to ensure the remote learning period can be as productive and successful as possible.

Director of Children's Services: Steven Quinn

Pupil Engagement

We continue to closely monitor your child's engagement across all of their subjects. Pupils are reminded to follow their timetable as much as they can throughout the week. We have made some slight changes in order to streamline our communication with parents.

We will continue to provide updates through our **Satchel one app**.

At the start of each week we will provide you with a brief note of the work your child has been assigned. Pupils will be given more detail by their teacher.

At the end of each week, you will be issued with feedback on your child's engagement as follows :

You will receive one notification per subject linked to the below statements

- **SUBMITTED** – meaning your child has engaged to a satisfactory level with work across the week.
- **NOT SUBMITTED** - meaning your child has not engaged to a satisfactory level with work across the week.

Notifications will be issued mainly on a Friday or Monday – depending on whether the teacher has allocated weekend time to their class for completion of work.

Pastoral Care

The team will continue to keep in contact with pupils in their care across the week. Pupils have also been made aware that the pastoral staff can be contacted at any time if they are experiencing personal issues. Parents can also use this service to discuss any concerns they have regarding their child.

Across the week staff will also be in contact with some families to discuss progress to date. Please be aware that most staff will be phoning from their work mobile number/own landline therefore you may not recognise the number.

SQA Update

SQA have provided a further update detailing assessment arrangements including an extension to the deadline for submission of provisional grades. The submission date has now moved from Friday 28 May to Friday 18 June taking into account the switch to online learning.

[Parent Update](#)

[Pupil Update](#)

ICT Support

If your child is experiencing any ICT issues please contact gw20digitallearning@glow.sch.uk or by clicking the link on the website (Digital learning links button). The school office is also available on 0300 300 1441.

A reminder there are a series of guides and resources available on our newly created Digital Learning TAB on our website.

Finally, thank you for your patience and continued support at this time. As always, I am available to discuss any issues you may have.

Alan Taylor
Head Teacher

