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Children's Services

Dear Parents / Carers

UPDATE NO. 15

Dear Parent/Carer,

You will be aware of last week's announcement by the First Minister of plans to begin a phased reopening of schools for some groups of children in the coming weeks.

The proposals announced are subject to continued reductions in virus levels in the community. The First Minister will confirm these plans at the next review of coronavirus protective measures, which is expected on Tuesday 16th February.

In the meantime, I will begin school planning processes on the basis that from 22nd February, senior phase pupils who require to be in school to complete practical elements of courses will be able return part time and on a limited basis. I would expect further clarity from government as soon as possible.

I can also confirm that home testing kits will be made available to all staff and senior phase pupils and these will begin to be delivered to schools from this week.

Parental Questionnaire

Last week, you would have received a link (sent by text) to our parental questionnaire. The deadline for return is Friday 12th February at 5pm. I would encourage you to complete this. On completion, I will provide a summary of key points.

Mental Health

I was recently interviewed regarding mental health and support in St Benedict's High. This article will be published in the Herald on Sunday 14th February.

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.

Director of Children's Services: Steven Quinn

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.

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

