



Empowering Respectful Learners through Compassion, Commitment and Pride

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Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

UPDATED ADVICE ON CONTINUITY OF LEARNING

Well done to everyone who has been learning online over the last 2 weeks. We have seen some excellent work, and teachers are very pleased that you are tuning in to their lessons. You can see some examples of great work here: <https://sway.office.com/YcsJnGCKBGH0ADR6?ref=email>

However, we are aware of the technical difficulties and workload stresses some families have experienced, so we are making some changes to our advice below. For example, some people have been unable to get online, therefore we have provided paper copies of tasks and projects. Please let us know if you need this.

We are also changing our advice below about following your normal timetable, and will be issuing a revised timetable after the Easter holidays, offering more flexibility.

We would encourage all our Senior Phase pupils to keep engaging with learning, and complete any outstanding tasks for teachers who will soon be making estimates for the SQA, in line with the guidance which will come from the SQA later this month.

Senior Phase pupils – and also S3 pupils now - can take their learning forward and up a level by accessing work in the Scholar platform which every senior secondary pupil has access to. This offers excellent resources and activities for English, Maths, the Sciences, Modern Languages and Business Management. Here is a link to a short video that shows you how to get onto Scholar through Glow.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=126&v=MDBFuw1iI8w&feature=emb_title

We will update you all after the Easter holidays about our plans for the coming term which normally includes moving on to the new timetable, Primary 7 transition events, and so on. Much will be different, but our commitment to helping every pupil succeed remains the same.

I would like to thank you all for your support with these measures to protect everyone's health whilst also supporting learning and achievement. I hope you are able to enjoy a healthy Easter break.

Yours faithfully

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1. Ensure your learner logs in to Glow every school day, whether in Teams, Show My Homework or e-mails, to check their work: <https://sts.platform.rmunify.com/Account/SignIn>
2. Check tasks on Show My Homework. All pupils – and most parents - are familiar with Show My Homework which is linked from the Glow Launchpad, but you can also search and then sign in through the RM Unify option. <https://www.teamsatchel.com/>
3. Sign into the Teams pages set up for every class and subject. All pupils also have access to this through the Glow Launchpad, or you may prefer to download the desktop app which provides greater functionality. This is free to all learners who should be taken to their usual Glow sign-in page to download. <https://products.office.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/download-app>
4. Stay focussed: Follow the revised timetable coming out after Easter which will allow more time for projects and assignments. Learners can access Assignments, engage in online dialogue, ask questions, submit answers and return work using the Teams functions. You can find a guide about this here: [Peterhead Academy's user guide](#)
5. Stay Healthy: try to limit your studies to the usual hours of the school day, so that both learners and teachers are able to “finish work” and have personal and family time. Don't forget to give yourselves intervals and lunch breaks! Also, try to vary the method in which you work, sometimes downloading and printing documents if you can, rather than working on a computer all day.
6. Stay Active: make sure you are doing some vigorous physical activity at least twice a week, but every day if you can fit it in. The PE and Dance departments have been posting some great workouts to try.
7. If you are having **any** technical problems, please contact our IT specialist, Mr Brown, through the school office e-mail address: wlbrouxburn-ac@westlothian.org.uk
8. No computer access? All teachers provided hard copies of materials to any pupils who reported that they did not have wi-fi access at home. If your situation at home has changed, and you would like hard copies, please message your teachers or contact the school office and we will get something to you.
9. If you have completed everything your teachers have set, and are looking for further inspiration, please see the attached file from our school librarian, Dr Stewart, listing many more useful sites and ideas. Happy Reading. You could also take a look at Live n Learn's home learning resources for parents and young people. <https://live-n-learn.co.uk/resources/home-learning>