

# Aberdeen Grammar School

## OUR VISION

Working together

Learning together

Achieving together



## OUR VALUES

Ambition

Growth

Success

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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this early opportunity to acknowledge your ongoing support and reassure you that we will maintain regular contact. We acknowledge the challenges facing you in supporting your child/children to continue their learning. We do not expect you to take on the role of class teacher! Your help in discussing learning and establishing a daily routine is very much appreciated. This routine should comprise of a balance of work and rest.

Please find below initial advice on the use of google classrooms. Staff have been advised to provide work on this platform for all of their classes. We will review how well this is working prior to the Easter holidays.

### **S1-S3**

As stated, teachers are populating google classrooms with a range of learning activities. This may be a task which takes an extended period of time to complete. Individual teachers will advise accordingly. Please remind your child that google classroom is a platform for learning, it is not a chat room. Any inappropriate comments will be followed up by teachers and reported to principal teachers and senior staff.

### **S4-S6**

We are awaiting guidance from the SQA on completion of coursework and certification. As soon as we have any update, we will inform you of this. In the meantime, we strongly advise senior pupils to continue their learning in all subjects. They may ask you – what is the point? Our answer is that they need to maintain a regular routine of school work to ensure a depth of learning as they finish courses and prepare to move onto new courses and further education.

### **All pupils**

If your child has any concerns, they can communicate with their PTPS through their Social Education google classroom.

Ms Gould (school librarian) has collated a list of useful links for teachers, pupils and parents to support learning. Initially the information is being shared with staff and plans are in place for this to be shared more widely. In the coming weeks, please ask your child to look out for:

- **Online Resources and Learning** - 2ktqt6y - this page will be used to share free digital resources/ websites that can support home learning. In time there will be some digital skills lessons provided from our school librarian - such as games around fake news, understanding health information and expert google searching to save you time and effort. Tips and ideas for activities to support mental health and wellbeing will also be added to this classroom.
- Reading ideas, reviews and suggestions will be primarily posted through **The Reading Zone** Classroom s4yk2pm in conjunction with English for now. With other things to follow in due course.

We really do want to maintain contact with you and strongly encourage you to provide your email address as previously requested. Please note that your email address is required for you to access your child's google classrooms.  
Wishing you all good health and kindest regards

Yours sincerely

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