

Aberdeen Grammar School

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Monday 18 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Please find below an update on a range of key issues.

Key Dates

25 May New Broad General Education Timetable (for new S2 and S3 pupils)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Home Learning

Based on the recent parental survey, we have compiled a document which addresses questions raised by parents. [Home Learning FAQs](#)

Broad General Education Timetable (for new S2 and S3 pupils)

S1 into S2

Mr Martin (Depute Head Teacher), along with the Principal Teacher Pupil Support (PTPS) from your child's House group will be conducting a "live" Google meet where S1 pupils will be given information about their new timetable. The information on times the google meets will take place will be posted on the S1 SE Google classrooms.

The purpose of the meet is to talk pupils through the change to the timetable as of Monday 25th May and to help them complete a blank timetable. All pupils will receive a copy of their choices by Gmail on Wednesday 20th May (afternoon). The meets will enable pupils to have the opportunity to ask questions about the timetable. The meet will be recorded and posted on the S1 SE google classrooms for those who are unable to attend the "live" meet. Please note there will be no changes to choices at this point.

S2 into S3

Pupils moving into S3 will receive a Gmail with their subjects and column information on Thursday 21st (afternoon). In addition, they will access a blank timetable that determines when and where they have their subjects. All new S3 pupils are continuing with their subjects from S2. Staff will be renaming their Google classrooms from S2 to S3, there will be no need for pupils to join new classes.

Senior Phase (New S4-S6)

I am pleased to report that our sign-up rate for new google classrooms in the Senior Phase (S4-S6) is very good. We do still have a few pupils who have not joined their allocated google classrooms and we have emailed them directly. Your continued support in checking that your child has joined their new classrooms is appreciated. We have started national courses earlier than planned to benefit our pupils and help mitigate against loss of learning. Many pupils have made a promising start by completing all work set, viewing pre-recorded lessons and attending "live" meets. Our aim is for all our pupils to do this. Staff are telling me that our pupils have been supportive and encouraging, they know their teachers are trying their best in a very different learning environment.

School Trips

Our school trips were due to run this week. Due to COVID-19, these have been cancelled and we are now in the process of completing insurance claims for each trip.

I am sure you will understand that, as a school, we cannot issue any refunds until we are in receipt of the funds from the insurance company. Due to the volume of claims being processed from all over the UK, this may take some time.

Please be assured that as soon as we are in receipt of the funds, we will issue refunds to you.

Attendance

If your child is unwell and unable to complete home learning activities, please inform the school by emailing AGSPupilAbsence@aberdeencity.gov.uk on the first day of absence. We have a system in place where, on receipt of this information, we inform class teachers so that they understand the reasons why a pupil may not be able to complete home learning activities.

I will continue to provide weekly updates throughout the term. As always, thank you for your ongoing understanding and support. As you can imagine, starting a new timetable online has been challenging!

Kindest Regards

A. Murison

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Head Teacher