

People Directorate

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Dear Parent/Carer

End of Term Update

What a very strange end to the term. The last couple of weeks have been very different and difficult for us all. We have been getting used to staying at home, not seeing friends and family and, for most of us, it has been a very steep learning curve when it comes to technology!

Home Learning

I am very grateful to all our staff for getting resources up onto Glow so quickly. Particular thanks go to Mr Wallace, who has been leading our digital transformation and supporting staff tirelessly. As staff and young people (and parents!) become more proficient with technology and remote learning, we will be able to develop our provision and the ways we monitor learners' progress and engagement. There will be time enough for this after the Easter break.

Despite such unprecedented events, term time and holiday dates remain unchanged. Staff and young people need a break and the expectation is that remote learning will pause for the two-week period and pick up again after the holidays (Monday 20 April). I know that the current restrictions will make keeping young people busy during the day difficult. School work is still available for pupils to dip into. However, teachers will not be contacting them over Glow. There is also a variety of learning and resources available online, including for senior pupils. I will continue to highlight these on Twitter over the holiday period.

Childcare for Key Workers

During the Easter fortnight the child care hubs will continue to operate for children of critical key workers. Staff from Kyle will be volunteering at the Forehill hub after Easter.

Children Entitled to a Free School Meal

For those of you who receive free school meals, please be reassured that this will continue throughout the holiday period. The intention is to stop delivering daily free school meals and move to the delivery of a box of food once a week from Thursday 9th April. Parents affected by this should already have been informed.

SQA Qualifications

Guidance from SQA on the arrangements for quality assurance and the certification of National Courses and Awards has just been provided. You can read it [here](#). I have also attached their [Guidance for Learners, Parents and Carers](#) which provides answers to frequently asked questions. There are also links to the documents on our website.

If you have a child in S4, S5 or S6, please try not to worry. We are working hard to make sure they get the grades they deserve. School leaders in South Ayrshire will be developing a consistent approach in the coming weeks to ensure that no young person is disadvantaged. I will continue to update you when we have more information.

Spring Newsletter

I have provided a round-up of some of the highlights of this term in our [Spring Newsletter](#). I hope it reminds you of what a great school community Kyle is. We are missing our young people and look forward to when we can be back together again!

Best wishes

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Mary Byrne
Head Teacher