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## Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year. I trust that you all had an enjoyable break. It seems as if we are back to the lockdown of March again although at least this time we know what to expect! We are ready to proceed with online learning and pupils should follow their normal timetables from Monday morning. Work will be uploaded onto google classrooms and teachers will let pupils know about their google meet times. Registration details will also be posted up and pupils should sign in each morning. We have updated and improved this form and we expect pupils to complete it each day. Please see the attached "Remote learning guide" for further information.

If you are a key worker or if your child is deemed to be vulnerable you will have received information about your child coming into the school although only for the same online revision classes as other children. There will be no taught classes in school. All teaching will be virtual. Buses and the canteen will operate as normal for children who come into school. Classrooms have been allocated for each year group. These rooms will be supervised at all times.

If your child is studying at home, then you will have begun the routine you adopted the last time. Please do not feel that you are on your own. As ever if you have any questions or concerns then please get in touch.

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I appreciate that this is a worrying time but rest assured that we will continue to provide your child with the best learning and teaching possible. Updates will be sent out regularly and as soon as information about SQA comes out we will get back in touch.

Yours faithfully

**Miss C A MacDonald**

Head Teacher/Ceannard

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## PORTREE HIGH SCHOOL

### Student Remote Learning

We continue to “Strive for Excellence” in Portree High School, and through this difficult situation, we want all students to continue their learning to the best of their ability, and for staff and parents to support them as best we can. There has been a lot of uncertainty about technology, however, both teachers and pupils learned a lot during last year’s lockdown and we are hopeful that we can continue to embrace the use of Chromebooks for lessons. I am sure that many people still have issues, both pupils and teachers alike, but we will try to work round these issues, and keep everyone informed, through the school website, Daily Information, student G-Mail and facebook updates.

During this time of remote learning, pupils of keyworkers and a selected number of pupils have been invited to continue to come to school. Children and young people in attendance in school buildings will be supported to access their curriculum remotely from the school building, whilst all other children and young people will access learning from home. The role of the ‘in school’ team is one of support and supervision for children and young people to access their digital learning, rather than teaching the pupils.

#### Your Commitment to learning

- To complete a daily attendance log, which lets us know what learning you completed the previous day. Complete the google form: <https://forms.gle/qHEDSk6JqdeQRqSs8>
- To check with your classroom for each subject for each day you have it, to see if there is any work for you to do. Try to get on the Google Meet if your class teacher has set one up, and your technology permits it.
- If you are on a Google Meet, find a quiet space to work from, and start with your microphone on MUTE (the left button next to the hang-up button)- turn your mic on when you need to speak (especially for larger classes). Ensure that if you are sharing your video, you are dressed appropriately (i.e., not in Jammies!!!). Google Meet also has a function where you can put up a virtual background.

- Do the work to the best of your ability, and ask for help if you don't understand anything.
- To use Google Classroom and Hangouts appropriately. This is for schoolwork, and not as a general chat forum.

### Our Commitment to you

- Teachers will ensure that there is work in your classes on Google Classroom- all subjects and year groups should have a google classroom in place.
- Teachers will make contact with all of their classes through Classroom, and should provide face-to face learning, either through the Google Meet at the top of their classroom, or by posting video content.
- Each class should have their google "Meet" at a time when you would normally have had the class (if technology allows this). Teachers will try to set this up in advance, so that Pupils are clear as to whether work will be on "Meet" or posted to the classroom.
- We will respond to pupils' emails – if you have any issues with specific classes, please e-mail the teacher directly.
- We will continue to put information up on the pupil portal, Daily Information and put updates on Facebook.
- To continue to support your wellbeing, pupils will have weekly check-ins during tutor time, with their Tutor time teachers. If you need further support, please contact your Pupil Support teacher, or a member of SLT who will try to provide reassurance and answer questions where they can.
- We will monitor the daily attendance log, and teachers will take a register of the class each time they have a google meet.
- If you have not completed the daily attendance form after 3 days, not attending Meets, or are not completing work set, we will contact yourself or your parents/carers, either by email, or by phone.

## S4-6 concerns

There are a number of questions relating to SQA Coursework and gathering of evidence that we are still waiting for guidelines from the SQA about. We will keep all senior pupils informed when we have further information. Under current guidelines, we will have to be able to produce evidence of the grades achieved, so we will continue to develop ways of producing monitoring achievement in each subject.

## Parent/Carer Commitment

- Just like normal, please let us know if you are unwell, and we can record this, just as we normally do when the pupils are in school. Can I please ask that you e-mail the usual absence line:

[Portreehigh.absence@highland.gov.uk](mailto:Portreehigh.absence@highland.gov.uk)

- If you wish to contact the school with any issues, please continue to e-mail your child's Pupil Support teacher:

- **Glamaig** Miss F MacNab [Fiona.macnab@highland.gov.uk](mailto:Fiona.macnab@highland.gov.uk)
- **Marsco** Mr N Burrows [Neil.burrows@highland.gov.uk](mailto:Neil.burrows@highland.gov.uk)
- **Tianavaig** Mrs D MacLeod [dawn.macleod@highland.gov.uk](mailto:dawn.macleod@highland.gov.uk)

- If you have any chromebook issues, please e-mail Mr Breen  
[tony.breen@portreehigh.org.uk](mailto:tony.breen@portreehigh.org.uk)

- Please support your child's education as best as you can, by giving them the opportunity to complete school-work and providing other educational benefits, such as supporting them with their mental and physical well-being (eg, encouraging healthy eating, opportunities for baking/cooking, health and fitness time, online chat with friends, family time, quiet non-screen time, etc.).

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