

KINGUSSIE HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new school term. It's not the start to the term that we had all hoped for as we return to online learning but we have been here before and got through it together. I want to emphasise that we are here to support you and your child through this period of online learning. Please see some of the key points below.

Registration

It is a statutory requirement that we register all pupils each day during lockdown just as we would do during a normal school day. There will be a question posted each day on your child's google classroom in KHS Junior registration (S1-S3) and KHS Senior Registration (S4-S6). **It is important that pupils answer the question by 11am as we will send an attendance text message to parents/carers to alert you if your child does not register.** The question will also help us gauge the wellbeing of your child and target support if required.

Timetable

We have learned a lot from our last lockdown and one of the most important aspects was that it is unrealistic to expect pupils to follow their school timetable from home. Starting at 8.50am and working through to 3.55pm is too much for most young people. Timetables have been emailed to you and your child so please check your email inbox.

Feedback from pupils and parents/carers also told us that the face to face tutorials using Google Meet were very useful and we have built these in this year and the sessions are highlighted in yellow on the pupil timetables for the BGE and on a separate timetable for the Senior Phase. This is something that staff have volunteered to do and the teaching unions are clear that Head Teachers cannot insist that this happens.

As parent/carers I ask that you do everything you can to engage your child with the timetable we have provided as we want to support the learning and progress of every child during this time. Teachers ask that pupils give tasks/activities their best effort and this allows us to give feedback and support to individuals.

SQA

I understand that you and your child(ren) will be anxious about SQA qualifications if in the senior phase and what this will mean during the lockdown period. I am still waiting for an update from SQA as to how things will progress this year and I will keep you updated as things develop.

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At the moment we are planning to run the assessment window when the school reopens. If we are back to school on the 1st February as currently planned, we will start the assessment period on the week beginning 5th February. We will confirm these dates as soon as we have confirmation of Kingussie High School School reopening. In the meantime we would encourage pupils to engage with online learning to ensure they are ready for these assessments as content will still be covered in many subjects online.

Support

Online learning for pupils and homeschooling for parents/carers can be difficult and we want to support you and your child as much as possible. If you or your child have any questions or concerns then please contact Mr Munro or Mrs Adamson in the first instance through either email or calling the school office. We are fully committed to ensuring that all pupils' needs are met as best as we can during this time so please don't hesitate to contact us. Similarly, we will be in contact should we have anything significant that we need to discuss.

It is natural to be feeling anxious about supporting your child(ren) from home but we are here to help in any way we can. In order to help us get this right we are open to feedback or suggestions if you feel we can do things better so I encourage you to get in touch.

Stay safe and take care

Ian Adamson



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