



Online Learning & Teaching

Dear Parent/Carer,

Learning during school closure: Supporting information for Parents/Carers

To be read alongside the document for pupils 'I'm a Perth Academy Learner, what's expected of me?'

This is a challenging time for all of us, please be assured that we are here to support you and your child(ren) in any way we can.

We are presently planning arrangements to continue to support young people in the Senior Phase with their SQA coursework to ensure they gain the qualifications they have worked so hard for and will communicate directly with relevant learners if we need them to come into school in due course.

Our online offer to all learners will be a gradual development but we have been so impressed already by the many staff and pupils collaborating online to continue learning and teaching.

We are extremely keen to remove any barriers to access to online learning for young people and would encourage parents to contact us should there be any issues with access to technology.

What can I do as a parent to support my child when they are not at school?

We understand that for parents/carers, trying to keep young people engaged and motivated in learning while at home is a daunting prospect and we want to reassure you that although the school may be closed, the teaching staff are still very much committed to providing meaningful learning experiences for pupils.

We know that many parents/carers may also be requiring to continue to work, whether this be going to a workplace, working from home or as frontline key personnel. We want to provide support and practical guidance for learners and parents that will be of help.

We recommend 3-4 hours of learning activity each weekday, however we don't expect parents to be teachers. Pupils should be able to work their way through the tasks provided and can get feedback from staff with little requirement for educational input from parents.

Helpful things parents/carers can do:

- Ensure young people keep a routine which supports their wellbeing. This can be done by creating a weekly and daily timetable. This does not need to be detailed but defines learning time, relaxation time and rest time, it's a good idea to make weekdays different from weekends, for example, sticking to agreed times for getting up and going to bed.
- Ask learners to share, show and discuss their learning tasks and feedback with you
- Keep them away from the distraction of social media and phones when learning and at night.
- Seek advice from school if you have any queries.

In addition to school work provided, some parents may wish to actively support other learning and wish to do family activities e.g. baking/cooking, watching educational programmes, walking or playing board games together. Please have the confidence and know you have our support to decide what learning young people undertake.

We have developed an area of our school website for parents where you can find relevant links and resources. This can be found under Resources/Home & Online Learning.

We will continue to add to this over the coming weeks.

We will provide regular updates on further arrangements for school closures/opening as soon as we are able to do so.

Any questions?

If you have any questions about anything, please get in touch and we will do our best to help. PerthAcademy@pkc.gov.uk 01738458000.