

This update replaces the year head updates and aims to point you in the direction of information you will need in the New Year.

All pupils will be working from home for at least one week from Monday 11th January 2021. Information has already been sent home to parents of students in S4-6 outlining next steps for senior students to take in terms of preparing for the next assessment period and families of all students can access our tracking and monitoring system to look at their child's progress by clicking the following link [https://my.didbook.com/mobile/en-gb/Login/?](https://my.didbook.com/mobile/en-gb/Login/)

When students are working from home, learning grids will be issued to each year group and these will outline the work to be done in each subject area over the course of that week. By sharing all of the week's work at the beginning of the week, this will allow families to plan their week out in a way that suits them best. Our learning grids will be posted on our school website and via our school app. Throughout these challenging times we know that some families may need some support. A document showing contact details of organisations who support families in the local community will also be posted on our website and on the app.

The link for our website is <http://lornshillacademy.schoolwebsite.scot/resources> and the relevant documents will be in the "Information for January 2021" section.

On our school app, they will be posted in the "Messages" section. If you do not already have our app, it can be downloaded at <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/school-app-for-parents/id1309721219> for Apple devices but is available on all platforms.

Additional information to support families can be found at:

<https://www.parentclub.scot/topics/coronavirus> which contains advice on working from home whilst caring for children, advice on helping children with remote and blended learning as well as links to advice and support resources for parents of children with additional support needs.

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/website> includes advice for parents, families and practitioners on supporting children and young people's learning during COVID-19.

<https://www.npfs.org.uk/downloads/blended-learning-nutshell/> joins further Nutshells on Supporting Learning at Home during "lockdown" and on online safety.

<https://education.gov.scot/improvement/scotland-learns/> provides newsletters and online resources for families.

When we return in January, there will be a few small changes to remits meaning that Mr Arnold and Mr Burrell will become joint Year Heads for S1-3. Mr Murray and Mrs McMaihin remain year heads for S4 and S5/6 respectively.

We would like to wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable festive break and a very Merry Christmas when it comes!

See you all in 2021,

The Year Heads