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Date: 26/03/20

Parent / Carers

Dear Parent/Carer,

The welfare of those within our school community is our priority. During the period of school closure, young people and families can access supports to ensure their safety and welfare.

Class teachers will be communicating with young people on various online platforms regarding learning and teaching. This will provide an important connection with school. Given the unsettling nature of the current situation, we recognise that some young people will significantly benefit from being in touch with school beyond the home learning contacts.

### **Pupils with Additional Support Needs (ASN)**

For young people who have an ASN keyworker, the keyworker, or member of the Support for Pupils team will contact the young person and/or their parent and teachers to support learning as appropriate. Please do not be surprised, if a keyworker or Guidance teacher requests your child's mobile phone number, contacts them via their Glow e-mail or other online platform. It is our intention to maintain a connection and support young people through direct communication. Parents will continue to be involved remotely in the educational planning process for children and young people. Try to remember that learning materials are intended to provide continuation of learning and should not add pressure to families.

Any families in receipt of support from voluntary agencies, for example, Parent to Parent (P2P), Perth Autism Support (PAS) will continue to receive advice through telephone contact/texts.

## Guidance/Pastoral support

PSE classes have been set up in year groups with a young person's own Guidance teacher, where possible. Guidance teachers will offer a weekly 'virtual drop-in' when young people can check-in on Teams and have a catch-up between 11.00-11.45 on the following days:

Monday	S1
Tuesday	S2
Wednesday	S3
Thursday	S4
Friday	S5 & 6

These drop-ins are for young people only. For parents/carers, if there is an urgent issue that is not learning and teaching focussed and requires school contact please do not hesitate to email the following address: [PerthAcademy@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:PerthAcademy@pkc.gov.uk) Enquiries and requests will be passed to relevant staff (Guidance/Support Teachers, Keyworkers, Community Link Workers, Inclusion Officer or other agencies) who will then respond as appropriate. Guidance and Support teachers can also be e-mailed directly by young people and parents/carers via their Glow email:

Guidance/Support Teacher	Email address
Mrs Dow	<a href="mailto:gw09dowkay@glow.sch.uk">gw09dowkay@glow.sch.uk</a>
Mrs Johnson	<a href="mailto:gw09johnsongillian@glow.sch.uk">gw09johnsongillian@glow.sch.uk</a>
Mrs MacGregor	<a href="mailto:gw18macgregorcatheri@glow.sch.uk">gw18macgregorcatheri@glow.sch.uk</a>
Mrs Murray	<a href="mailto:gw09murraygail3@glow.sch.uk">gw09murraygail3@glow.sch.uk</a>
Mrs Brooks	<a href="mailto:gw09brooksalexandra@glow.sch.uk">gw09brooksalexandra@glow.sch.uk</a>
Mrs Donaldson	<a href="mailto:gw16donaldsonlinda2@glow.sch.uk">gw16donaldsonlinda2@glow.sch.uk</a>
Mrs Dwyer	<a href="mailto:gw09dwyermaxine@glow.sch.uk">gw09dwyermaxine@glow.sch.uk</a>
Mrs Ferriday	<a href="mailto:gw12ferridaygillian@glow.sch.uk">gw12ferridaygillian@glow.sch.uk</a>
Mrs Hartmann	<a href="mailto:gw16hartmananne@glow.sch.uk">gw16hartmananne@glow.sch.uk</a>
Mr LeBlanc	<a href="mailto:gw09leblancderek@glow.sch.uk">gw09leblancderek@glow.sch.uk</a>

## **Child Protection**

If you're worried about the safety and welfare of a child, young person or an adult who may be at risk of harm in your community, call 01738 476768 (child protection) or 0345 301 11 20 (adult protection) any time, day or night. The lines are open 24/7.

## **Further Support**

To provide additional support for parents, carers and young people during, term time, the PKC Educational Psychology Service will provide direct access to phone consultation with a Psychologist between the hours of 10.00 am and 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday, with additional evening availability between 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays on 01738 476242. This service is available regardless of whether you are currently supported by the service. Consultation and support is also available through email: [ECSPsychologists@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:ECSPsychologists@pkc.gov.uk)

A variety of wellbeing and support information will be shared on our new Perth Academy Wellbeing twitter feed [@PerthWellbeing](https://twitter.com/PerthWellbeing) If you use twitter, then it is worth following. A list of helpful websites, weblinks and contact numbers are attached below.

The most important thing at present is health and wellbeing. Please don't put yourself under unnecessary pressure and remember that we are here for you.

Please take care. Stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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