

## Head Teacher Parent/Carer Update 21/04/20



I hope you and your family remain fit and well and that the Easter Holidays allowed your child to have a break from school work and home study. Hopefully you have had time to relax and to do some enjoyable things too.

### **Return to School**

Today we “return” to school ready to begin the summer term. Our priority remains to support our pupils and their families as best we can to continue with learning at home. We are strongly encouraging pupils to get back into a regular routine, remembering to make time for daily exercise and fresh air too.

Teachers will be re-focusing their efforts to help pupils to be well equipped with the skills required to continue with their learning and be prepared for the transition to the next stage. Before the holidays, many pupils were active on Teams, working on the tasks set by their teachers. If possible, we recommend that pupils spend time on a variety of subjects throughout the week. Senior pupils have been completing courses and teachers are providing skills-based preparation for the next stage of learning.

We know that for some families, learning at home is challenging for a number of reasons. Perhaps you are working from home whilst also looking after children and providing support to other family members - we fully understand that this can be difficult. Please know that the work provided is related to your child’s age and stage and we are doing all we can to make this meaningful. We do not wish to put pressure on families and so pupils should do what they can based on family / individual circumstances. You know your children best.

We ask that pupils do what you can do and to try not to worry too much if they don’t complete all the work. There are often extension tasks available for those who wish to and are able to complete them. Pupils know that they can contact their teachers or Year Head during school hours if they need advice, support or just a bit of encouragement - that is what we are here for!

## **Contacting School**

**Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance in any way.** If your child needs to borrow an I-Pad, please contact your child's Year Head and we will do our best to arrange this. Please note that there is no-one available to answer our school switchboard and any contact should be via e-mail

Admin@holyrood.edin.sch.uk

We wish to support you to the best of our ability and Year Heads can be contacted via e-mail or if it is urgent, can be contacted via mobile phone during the school hours. I would ask that you are patient and be mindful that a return call may not always be possible on the same day. Mobile numbers will be provided for parents this week (via text message).

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## **Pupil Communication**

At the very start of the holiday, I sent all pupils an Easter message via e-mail. As a school community, we continue to encourage our pupils to think of others, including our key workers and in particular our NHS staff. I realise that many of our parents/carers and members of your families are keyworkers. Please know that you are all very much in our thoughts and prayers. #TeamHolyRood

Today, as we return to school, I will send pupils a further e-mail. Year Heads also e-mail weekly updates with important information. Please ask your son/daughter to check their school e-mails regularly.

## **SQA Information**

A reminder about the SQA statement from Lorna Sweeney (Senior Education Manager) prior to the holiday. <http://www.holyroodrhighschool.co.uk/?p=1869>  
We are following the information issued by the SQA on 20/04 regarding pupil estimates.

## **Twitter**

Our twitter feed is kept up to date with important information such as updates, pupil challenges, links and messages from faculty staff and teachers. It is an important way of helping us all stay connected as a school community at this time. **Please follow us @HolyRoodRCHigh**

Take care and stay safe.

Kind Regards,

Joan Daly

Head Teacher