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Dear Parent/ Carer

At the end of a week, where we have had a bit of a wintery blast, I hope that you and your young people are looking forward to the long weekend. Just a reminder that there is a holiday on Monday 15th and Inservice Days Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th when there will be no new remote learning issued.

I had hoped to provide you with an up-date on the phasing back of between 5% and 8% of our senior phase pupils to help them complete practical elements of their courses. Unfortunately, schools are still waiting on guidance which should be published later today. The two documents, that will support our planning are:

- **Arrangements for the phased reopening of schools in February/March 2021 – supplementary guidance.**
- **Prioritising the return of Senior Phase Learners: Technical guidance for providing senior phase practical work in-school**

Senior staff will be working over the in-service days to finalise plans and we will be in touch with detailed information for those who will be involved in this first phase.

Digital Update

Kate Clarke (DHT) and Shakira Alecio (PT Recovery and Equity) met with the Parent Council earlier this week and outlined ongoing work in terms of Digital Solutions to support Learning.

Staff have all been provided with training to improve digital skills and make online lessons more diverse and engaging for pupils. Further staff training will be provided if necessary. The pupil digital leaders within the school have been busy and have helped design and pilot the ICT survey that has now been sent out to all pupils, we have had a very positive response from pupils via the survey so far. In addition to this Miss Alecio will be providing Parents/Carers with training to help Parents/Carers to support our young people at home.

250 devices have been distributed to families and we have another 100 chromebooks on order with a delivery date of April.

Reminder Parent / Care Training

An online drop-in session will be available on **Tuesday 16th February 2021 at 7pm** for parents/carers to attend. The session will focus on GLOW and TEAMS to help you support our young people at home with their learning. If you wish to attend please email: gw14alecioshakira@glow.sch.uk

Home Learning Student Survey Results

We have had 354 young people fill out the home learning survey so far and the survey will close on Monday 15th February 2021. The pupils provided us with very good feedback about their experiences of learning online. We have taken the pupils comments on board for changes they would like to see and will be working with them to make these changes. The pupils praised the school in their efforts and changes since the last lockdown stating that the provision of resources, help and support they were receiving were helping them to complete their learning at home.

Take care all and stay safe.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms L Menxies', written in a cursive style.

Ms L Menxies
Head Teacher