

Parental Update Friday 12^h June

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Thank you to those who have completed the surveys of the last 2 weeks. The first survey has been shared with the Senior and Middle Leadership Teams in school. We are currently pulling together a summary document highlighting what is going well, what we could do better and your concerns for returning to blended learning for pupils in August.

Your compliments will be passed on to staff. We are having a whole staff meeting next week and we will discuss how we can improve on what we are doing. We have also got back to some parents who identified specific concerns where contact details were left. If you have a specific concern relating to your young person, please e-mail their guidance teacher. I know many of you have been doing this already and feedback from yourselves is that when you do, issues are usually resolved quickly.

I will also be in touch with regards to focus groups next week

If you have not had a chance to complete last week's survey on transport and lunchtimes the link below will remain open until 8pm this evening June 12th

Survey 2: School Transport and Lunchtimes

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ_i1NCUSVndDttzBKC7flnDI5b35JuGGVmt9LSvhUOFFUQUpUNEFBRIRXWE9YSE5BWU9UVzNOSS4u

Planning for Pupil Return in August

I know that you are all keen to get information about what is happening in August and we are continuing to plan learning, timetables, risk assessments, catering, staffing etc. The full details of the work being done by all schools is in the attached letter from Laurence Findlay.

Information regarding the specifics for Turriff Academy will issued to you in due course.

Resources return

Week beginning 22nd June

During the week of the 22nd of June, we will be putting a system in place to return resources. Further details of this will be in next week's briefing. If your young person has not sorted these out yet, now is the time to have that tidy up.

SQA

Please click on the attached link for a PowerPoint that has been shared with your young person who was in S4 – S6 last year. This is available to view on the school website.

<http://turriff.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Pupil-Presentation-SQA-Awards-2020-4.pdf>

..... and finally

How are you all doing?

- **Some of you may be feeling totally exhausted trying to support your young person's learning, juggle family commitments, working from home etc.** Please remember you can

only do what you can do. A big thank you from all at Turriff Academy for all that you have done so far – its greatly appreciated. If you need to take a break from schoolwork – please do.

- **Some of you may be struggling to get your young person to engage in their learning.** Some of you have let us know this already and we can provide support to help with this. If you have not let us know, please contact your young person’s guidance teacher. If you do not have these details, please e-mail the school address and your concern will be passed to the appropriate member of staff.
- **Some of your young people may be feeling totally overwhelmed by the fact that they are now at a stage where they wish to engage with schoolwork more but really do not know where to begin and are worried about not having done the previous work.** Teachers understand this and are here to support your young person, if they feel like this, ask them to drop their teacher an e-mail and let them know. They will then help your young person to start the learning process again and not to panic.
- **Some of your young people may have been working flat out since we have been working this way and are tired.** This is ok – tell them to take a breather from their studies if they need to. Hopefully, the weather will improve, and you can enjoy some time outside or work on a hobby or pastime that you want to spend more time on.

Take care everyone and thank you for your continued support and feedback.

Kind regards,

Ms Lee Menzies

Head teacher

Learning at Home:

As ever if they are struggling to find work or locate the correct team, please ask them to e-mail their class teacher OR the school e-mail address Turriff Academy turriff.aca@aberdeenshire.gov.uk and someone will get back to you to help you out. **Please ask for help if it is needed.**

**Turriff Academy
Learning at Home**

<http://turriff.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/subject-resources-during-covid-19-closure>

Still struggling to locate our learning a home guide on our website – please click on the link which will take you there.