

Dear Parent/ Carer,

At the end of another busy week, I hope that this finds you safe and well. As well as supporting home learning, we are now planning the next phase of your young person's learning. Over the next few weeks, I will continue to update you of progress and plans. Your feedback is important to help us plan and as a result you may receive the occasional short survey over the next few weeks.

Feedback

Survey 2 : School Transport and Lunchtimes

This week's short survey should only take a couple of minutes as it contains 4 multiple choice questions about school transport and lunchtime provision. The link below should take you straight to it. The survey closes on Friday 12 June:

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

Survey 1 – last week

Thank you to those of you who completed last week's survey and have volunteered to be contacted to be part of a focus group or to discuss things individually. This survey closes on Monday the 8 June so you still have time complete if you have not already done so. School staff have already made contact with some parents with regards to queries and suggestions and once the survey closes, we will continue to follow up. There is a link to last week's survey below:

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Books and other resources that your young person no longer needs: a reminder

Many departments have issued resources such as books and study guides to your young person. They will no longer need these if they are intending to leave school or have moved on to a different level of learning. We will need these returned so that they can be issued to pupils in August. I ask that you keep these in a safe place until we can put arrangements in place for you to return them safely to Turriff Academy. This will happen before the end of June. Please do not offer them to other young people to pick up from you as this makes it harder for us to keep track of resources.

This week's frequently asked question

When will we have the opportunity to buy school ties for the start of session?

In order to keep things as simple as possible for a pupil return in August, the decision has been made that our dress code will be simplified. Further details around this will follow, however we will not expect our young people to wear a tie in August. Our dress code will be based around black trousers/skirts and a black or white polo shirt/ shirt / t shirt and a plain black jumper/ sweatshirt.

Learning at Home:

I hope that our new S2 and S3 pupils have settled into their new courses. 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.scot.nhs.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.	

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Many of you have been asking about why staff are not doing face to face lessons using platforms such as ZOOM. For many reasons around child protection and safeguarding we have to use authorised and regulated platforms. The platform we use is GLOW and at this time the facility to be able to do this is not available through TEAMS. We are working to rectify this and hope to have this up and running soon.

We were however able to set up a GOOGLE meet also through GLOW with some of our S6 leavers last week. It was great to see some of our S6 leavers and be able to have a catch up and see how they are getting on. We did have some technical difficulties and apologies to those who could not get connected. For all our leavers we wish you well and remember if you need advice and or support, please get in contact, we are still here for you.

Take care all,

Ms L Menzies

Head Teacher