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Dear parents and carers

Crieff High School remains closed to ALL staff and pupils.

Thank you to the 151 respondents who have completed the survey forwarded towards the beginning of last week.

Please see below an overview of the responses followed by identified actions from the school intended to ensure that young people are continually supported during the period of school closure and that communication from the school is clear, helpful, swift and reassuring.

Communication from the school

Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree / Strongly disagree
1. Clear	60	75	11	5
2. Helpful	56	82	11	2
3. Swift	53	80	11	6
4. Reassuring	44	82	25	0

Action: I will continue to send out communication as swiftly as possible which I hope all of our parents and carers find clear, helpful and reassuring.

I have taken note of all comments made by parents and carers within the survey and via email, with regards to communication, these included requests for:

- communication with class teachers and principal teachers
- an update on the course choice process and timetable arrangements for next session
- a further update on arrangements for SQA Estimates
- staff to be mindful of deadlines set and the timing of ShowMyHomework notifications

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Continuation of learning

Prior to school closure and to avoid young people struggling to access work set, I asked class teachers to provide classwork on the online platform that their class was most familiar with.

Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree / Strongly disagree
1. Quantity	36	65	31	19
2. Quality	30	80	30	9
3. IT challenges	12	37	44	57
4. Helpful IT user guide	8	54	72	12

Please be aware that over the last 2 weeks, a timetable has been created for session 2020/21 and we are currently in the process of setting this up within our Management Information System.

We have identified a provisional and aspirational start date of Monday 4th May for the beginning of the new timetable. I will keep you informed of progress with this regard.

Action: For the first 2 weeks of this term young people will continue to access their online learning using one of the three previously identified online platforms, namely, Google Classroom, Microsoft Teams or ShowMyHomework.

Action: When the new timetable starts, all classes will be asked to engage with work set on one online platform, ShowMyHomework.

Action: At the start of each week class teachers will set tasks and activities for the duration of that week to ensure that these are communicated at one time of the week and that learning at home can be structured and planned.

Action: Over the next 2 weeks and prior to the beginning of the new timetable, consideration is to be given as to how we can continue to support young people to engage with 'new' learning, supported by their class teacher and using available online platforms.

I hope that the above actions continue to support our young people to remain connected to their peers and to their school while engaging in purposeful and meaningful learning activities.

We are all mindful that learning will need to be paced differently to school life to ensure a balance is reached within the home and that structure and learning supports the ongoing wellbeing of young people.

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Pastoral support

It is our aspiration that all young people and their families receive regular direct communication from our support staff to ensure that our school community is fully supported during these uncertain times.

The frequency of this direct communication is likely to vary across our school community.

Question	Yes	No
1. Communication from support staff	127	24
2. Aware of how to make contact	128	23
3. Supportive and reassuring	129	14

Action: Our Support for Pupils colleagues will continue to contact young people and their families to initiate supportive discussions.

Our Support for Pupils colleagues can be contacted as follows:

Mrs Telford, Miss Stitt - CHSBarvickhouse@pkc.gov.uk

Miss McEwan, Mrs Cargill – CHSTurrethouse@pkc.gov.uk

Mr Duncan, Mrs Philip, Madame Bergeron - CHSKeltyhouse@pkc.gov.uk

SQA Estimates

We await further information from the SQA regarding the national approach to making SQA Estimates. These are anticipated by Monday 20th April. Rest assured that once this has been released and we are clear on what that means for us and our young people, I will communicate with you once more.

In the meantime, I hope you have found the above of use.

Please continue to take care of yourself and your loved ones.

Kindest wishes.

John Donnelly

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