



## **GLENIFFER HIGH STUDENT COUNCIL**

The student council met on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, via teams with Miss Chalmers to get answers to frequently asked questions from pupils. We have documented the meeting with a questions and answers word document. We hope that your questions have been answered and that any concerns you had about returning to school have been eased. If you have any more questions don't hesitate to get into contact with a member of the student council and we will get answers for you.

### **What does 'part time learning' mean and how long will it last?**

In a basic sense, you will be learning part of the time in school and the other part online. You will only be in the school when you are required to be. It is not clear how long part-time in-school learning will last and the school will continue to do so until government says it is safe for us all to return full-time.

### **Are we still able to change subjects in August?**

Yes, following exam results you will still be able to change your subjects. However, the format of changing subjects may differ from previous years. Rather than coming into the school you may be asked to arrange a phone call appointment.

### **Will school events like the Halloween and Christmas dance still take place?**

It is impossible to say for certain right now what situation will be come October – December time. However, the school will only run these events if it is safe to do so and will only follow government advice regarding running these events.

### **What is happening to our assignments and folios from this year?**

Unfortunately the SQA announced that folios and assignments will not be getting officially marked. However teachers in Gleniffer have looked at all course work and this has been considered when finalising estimated grades

### **Will the sixth years get the common room?**

The common has been measured and to still maintain the 2 meter distance guiding only 14 people would fit in the room. Therefore the common room can not be used as a sixth year privilege this year.

### **Will we be required to wear masks?**

As of now the government has not said that wearing masks is essential and will not be mandatory. However, we will continue to update this as we will be following the government guide lines around wearing a mask.

### **How will social distancing be maintained within the school?**

There are many ways the school is preparing themselves to maintain distancing. One-way systems will be put in place in corridors and stairs. Class sizes will be reduced to maintain distances. Lunch times will operate on a grab and go system so that there isn't queuing for food. All procedures surrounding changes to the school will be explained soon via an information pack and some videos, so that all pupils are aware of the new lay out to maintain distancing.

### **Will we still have to wear uniform?**

Yes, the high standard of uniform must be maintained as this is something we pride ourselves on at Gleniffer. However, if you have PE on your time table that day you will be allowed to come to school wearing the appropriate clothes to take part as social distancing cannot be maintained within the changing rooms.

### **Are pupils going to be split into morning/afternoon sessions?**

No, due to bus transport this will not be possible. You will be in for full days and you will be doing subject blocks instead of 50 minute periods of lessons. You will be informed on the days you are asked to be in the school. The days you are not in the school you will be assigned work online by your teachers.

### **Will exams take place next year?**

We are still waiting on information from SQA as to what formal assessment will look like next year.

### **How do we get our blazers fitted?**

We are trying to get into contact with the school wear company to see if pupils are able to take measurements at home and send in their sizes and get deliveries of their blazers. We will continue to update as soon as we get more information to see if this is possible.

UPDATE Miss Feggans has posted a link via Twitter or go to [schoolwearmadeeasy.com](http://schoolwearmadeeasy.com) for advice on measuring for blazers and ordering senior ties.

**How will social distancing be maintained on the buses?**

To minimise the bus capacity we will be asking the pupils that are entitled to this transport to come to school on different days so that we are able to half the bus transport population each day so distancing can still be maintained.

**How will consortium work?**

It is still unsure on how this will take place. However it is looking like pupils who are planning on travelling to other schools will do that subject online instead of travelling to the school.

UPDATE – some consortium courses are currently oversubscribed and may need to be balloted in August. However, work should be provided from week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> June to allow pupils to start their learning.