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**Renfrewshire
Council**

Children's Services

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Dear Parent / Carer

Alternative Parents' Evenings 2020-21

We continue to live and work under a variety of restrictions, and school session 2020-21 has forced us to operate differently from normal. Effective partnerships with parents is a vital element of our success as a school community and we look forward to the time when we can again welcome parents back into the building for events and activities. In the meantime, we need to continue to minimise the risk of spread of Covid-19 which means parents cannot come to the school as normal. Pupil Support teachers and Year Heads continue to link with parents where there is any key information to be shared, issues to be addressed or support required.

We are fortunate that so many parents normally support their child's learning by attending parents' evenings. We are unable to operate these until restrictions lift, so I would like to outline alternative arrangements for you.

Teacher / Parent Progress Conversations 2020-21

Many things in life have transferred to a virtual forum and we would hope to be able to explore a digital solution as an alternative to face-to-face meetings in the future if we are able to develop the required infrastructure. In the meantime, we will offer a **phone call** from teachers to parents to facilitate progress conversations.

For S5/6 Pupils

- A tracking report will be issued by **Monday 23 November** indicating if the pupil is on or off track in each subject
- If the pupil is **on track**, we will not need to contact you - however if you would like to request a call please contact your child's Pupil Support Teacher
- If the pupil is **off track**, we will contact you by telephone to discuss next steps to support improvement
- Calls will take place on **Wednesday 25 or Thursday 26 November between 5-7.30pm**
 - unfortunately, we cannot allocate exact times for the calls
 - the call may come from a private/withheld number – please answer just in case it is the school calling
- We appreciate we may be unable to reach some parents at the times indicated. If we miss you, please call us back at school the next day.



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For S4 Pupils

Arrangements as for S5/6 pupils (above) with the following dates:

- A tracking report will be issued by **Friday 27 November**
- Calls will take place on **Wednesday 9 or Thursday 10 December between 5-7.30pm**

For S1-3 Pupils

We are currently considering how we can effectively engage with parents of pupils at these stages given the increased number of subjects they undertake. I would really appreciate your view on this and invite you to email suggestions to renfrewhighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk. I will also seek the views of members of the Parent Council

Arrangements for parent conversations for S1-3 will be confirmed **early next term**.

I thank you for your understanding and support during these challenging times and reassure you that we will continue to work together as effectively as possible to support all our young people to achieve their potential. In the meantime, if you have any questions about this letter please contact me or your child's Pupil Support Teacher at the school.

Yours sincerely



Billy Burke
Head Teacher