

Subject: AHS News, 08.10.2021

Dear AHS Parents and Carers

Covid-19 Update

As the term comes to a close, thank you for supporting the school with our Covid-19 mitigations. Over the last week, we have had one S4 pupil and one S1 pupil with positive PCR results. As you know, lateral flow tests are available at the School Office, with the government recommending that we do these twice per week. This will be particularly important at the end of the October Holidays. At the moment, no significant changes have been announced to the mitigations being operated in schools. If anything were to change over the holidays, SIC Children's Services will notify you directly.

I will be in touch in the new term with our plans for parents' evenings over the winter. At the moment, face-to-face evenings are not to be held in larger school settings like ours. We are looking at how best to communicate with you about your child's progress. All S1 parents/carers will receive an early monitoring report by the end of the holidays, as we were unable to meet in school this week.

School Office Opening Hours

Our office will be open 0900 – 1530 most days of the holidays, only closing on Wednesday 13, Thursday 14 and Wednesday 19 October.

Term Dates

Pupils will return to school on Wednesday 27 October, following the two In Service training days for staff on Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 October. You can see all our term dates at <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/anderson/ahs/term-dates/>

Communication of School News

Please do check the school website at www.anderson.shetland.sch.uk and follow us on Facebook. Although it's been a short term, and much has been restricted by Covid-19, you can read our latest newsletter at <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/anderson/ahs/newsletters/>

Supporting Pupils Online

Please do let your Pupil Support Teacher or Mr Redman know if your child needs a computer, or better connectivity, to support their learning at home. You can leave a message at the School Office. Do ask your child to show you their Microsoft Teams for their classes.

Standards and Quality Report and School Improvement Plan 2021-22

At <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/anderson/ahs/school-information/> you will find our latest report. You will also see the report called "You said, we did". This report was shared with our Parent Council at our meeting last month. I explained how we had taken on board the views you shared with us last year, to arrive at our priorities for this session. Please have a look if you have the chance.

I hope you have a fine break and I look forward to seeing everyone back together on Wednesday 27 October.

Best regards

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