

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) DAILY INFORMATION UPDATE



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30 April

Pay queries – key commitment to our staff during COVID 19

Our commitment to our workforce - pay

The council family has been working hard to make sure that all employees who work on a regular basis for us are paid – this includes our casual, agency and part time workers who work regular additional core hours.

Pay dates remain as set and payslips will continue to be produced in the usual way. Our May pay date is next Tuesday 5 May.

Pay queries during COVID-19

Please read our [staff briefing on our key commitment to our workforce](#) on what to do should you have any pay queries at the current time.

Please note due to the current situation staff resources are being allocated to making sure you receive core pay on time. Please **only raise an essential pay query** to your manager as outlined in the process in the above briefing.

Hero teachers at Hazelwood School are thinking outside the box



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Hazelwood School in Glasgow's southside teaches children and young people with sensory impairment and complex learning needs.

With the school being closed due to the current crisis, staff considered how best to support their pupil's home learning and decided to resource and create bespoke sensory and craft boxes. The boxes contain a range of resources specific to each pupil's learning needs along with an 'ideas resource' for parents. Items in some of the boxes include sensory balls, soil and plant bulbs, massage oil, paint and moulding clay. This will allow an enjoyable and interactive learning experience at home which all the family can enjoy together. For pupils with visual impairments, sound balls and scented felt pens have even been included to make the boxes more engaging and every box contains a button switch with an audio recording of a special message from a member of that pupil's class.

Colette Gowing, Depute Headteacher said: "We thought our pupils would benefit more from bespoke craft and sensory boxes as well as some of the more formal academic learning tasks. Staff have worked hard to resource fun and appealing items to include. We have had a lot of interest from parents and hope to have our first batch of 30 completed and delivered by the end of next week. We really miss our pupils and teachers have been keeping in touch with them and their families via phone or video calls. The boxes are another way of supporting home learning and letting our pupils know we are thinking of them."

Thank you Hazelwood School for thinking 'outside the box' and supporting home learning.



Macmillan Cancer Support - virtual support

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Finding out that you or someone close to you has cancer can be a difficult and confusing time. **Macmillan @ Glasgow Libraries** offer a free and confidential support service where anyone affected by cancer can get emotional support and

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high-quality cancer information. In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, Macmillan Cancer Support has replaced face-to-face contact with virtual support - both online and over the phone.

Support services available

- **Improving the Cancer Journey** - everyone newly diagnosed with cancer in Glasgow is sent a letter offering them an assessment of all their support needs, from how to claim benefits to emotional support. For advice and support phone 0141 287 2903 (9am-5pm) or email macmillan@glasgowlife.org.uk
- **The Macmillan Support Line**, staffed mainly by Glasgow-based nurses, they can help with clinical, practical and financial information. Phone 0808 808 0000. The line is open seven days a week from 9am-5pm.
- **Information on cancer and coronavirus** is available on Macmillan's website at macmillan.org.uk.
- **Peer support** is also available from Macmillan's online community at community.macmillan.org.uk. Open 24-hours a day, the online community lets people with cancer and their loved ones talk to others in similar situations.

Find out detailed information on local health and support services available on **Scotland's Services Directory** at www.nhsinform.scot/scotlands-service-directory You can read more about how Macmillan offers cancer support through this service including 'a click to be contacted' function for an instant referral for the relevant support at <https://bit.ly/2wVpLMm>

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CAPES**

At this challenging time – we would love to hear about what you are doing to help support the city.

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- Have you volunteered in another section to help deliver an essential task?
- Are you particularly proud of your team or a colleague and the work they are doing to keep services running to our citizens?
- Have you seen a colleague go above and beyond to help deliver a service?

We would love to share your stories with your colleagues across the council – so please get in touch. Email a couple of lines and a mobile phone picture (if you have one) to Insider@glasgow.gov.uk

We know you're all proud to play your part for the city - thank you for making a difference.

Keep up the great work – what we're hearing on Twitter



Mr Neilson
#TalkativeThursday @MrNeilsonteach

8 mins ago

To all of the wonderful and inspiring teachers out there my wee pal @reallorraine has a message of hope for you! I hope this makes you smile today and keeps your spirits up when we all miss our children so much!
@maureen0207 @LordProvostGCC
@GlasgowCC @EDCouncil @nlcpeople

You can view the message [here](#).

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