

Staff News: Take 5

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Welcome to this week's Take 5, our all new weekly staff update, designed to bring you our latest news summary in a five minute read

The route out of the Coronavirus crisis: latest guidance

As we carefully progress through Phase 3, it is essential that we continue to follow government guidelines to stay safe and minimise the risk of a second outbreak. This week we have seen several changes allowing for the reopening and restart of the following, in line with national guidance:

- Places of worship for communal prayer
- Opticians and dentistry for non-emergency patients
- Shopping centres, indoor bars and restaurants
- Hairdressers and barbers
- All holiday accommodation
- Museums, galleries, cinemas, monuments, libraries
- Childcare providers
- Outdoor face to face youth work and organised outdoor contact sports for children and young people

There has also been an easing of restrictions on attendance at funerals, marriage ceremonies and civil partnership registrations though still with physical distancing and limited numbers.

Don't forget, if you think you have symptoms of Coronavirus, no matter how mild, you should immediately self-isolate at home and book a test straight away. Visit www.nhsinform.scot for more information.

For full details on all the latest guidance and upcoming changes visit www.gov.scot

Changes to services



From Monday 20 July, libraries in Renfrewshire are set to open for the new click and collect service which means books will be available to reserve online or by phone.

Collections and returns will take place on-site and the arrangements for individual locations can be found here: www.renfrewshireleisure.com/

Larger vehicles such as vans, pickups and trailers can now visit the Linwood Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) without a permit, though photo ID and proof of residency are still required. Renfrew and Erskine HWRCs are now open five days per week. ting must provide proof of residency and ID.

For more information and updates on all the latest changes to Council Services go to: www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-changestoservices

Spend Local



Local businesses need our support: now more than ever.

As we move out of lockdown and more businesses reopen, we're urging everyone to think 'spend local' and do their bit to show support.

Some reasons to spend local:

- Research on spending by local authorities shows more money spent locally stays in the local economy
- Independent shops often stock locally made items not available elsewhere
- Spending locally also helps local communities
- Coming into your town or village centre to spend locally helps it prosper once again

Do you have a favourite local business? Tell as many people as you can! Spend some money with them at the next opportunity and follow them on social media - it will help them to build their profile and recover from the effects of the lockdown period.

We are Fair



Head Teacher at Kirklandneuk Primary School, Karen MacKechnie, features in the third of our #LivingOurValues case studies on...

'We are great collaborators; we work as one team and with people who care about this place.'

For Karen, the value of great collaboration represents the work of everyone across Children's Services and everything they do to deliver high-quality learning and care for children in Renfrewshire.

"...a really happy, vibrant staff team working together for the benefit of our children and families"

Don't miss Karen's short film together with a short profile and details of how you too can get involved at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/ourvalues

Food Bank Food Rush



Through an online fundraiser with 'The One Initiative – Making Changes Project', Procurement Assistant, Kevin Milliken is looking for your support during this difficult time to help struggling local families put food on the table.

Between the months of March–June 2020, use of foodbanks in the UK went up by a staggering 89%!

This really highlights the immediate effects the Coronavirus had on people's lives and it's more vital than ever that we all do what we can to continue to come together to help and support each other.

Funds raised will help the Renfrewshire Foodbank procure its most needed items and plan for the challenging months ahead

Visit the campaign's JustGiving page to donate up until Friday 31 July. www.justgiving.com/fundraising/foodbankfoodrush



Our Health, Safety and Wellbeing at Work webpage is there to provide you with information and contacts to help you keep well during this time.

Visit: www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/health-safety-wellbeing



Don't forget, we'd love to hear from you!

If you have a story to tell or something interesting to share, get in touch with us at: internal.communications@renfrewshire.gov.uk