



3rd April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your support and patience as we have moved to a new way of working. As you will be aware work is being posted on the school website as well as emailed out. There are considerable challenges for staff trying to log onto various systems which were not designed to cope with this level of home working; this means things may not go out exactly when we would want. The lesson plans and activities are on the website prior to the start of the week and we are endeavouring to email out the plans in advance of the Monday as well. There have been some issues with the size of some of the attachments therefore, going forward, it will just be the plans emailed out with the accompanying work on the class pages on the website.

Primary 4-7 pupils have been using glow to communicate with their teacher as well as each other. Some P4-7 pupils have managed to join in the live lessons successfully. After the Easter holidays we will set up Seesaw for P1-3 pupils to communicate with their teacher. We are currently considering what method would be best for nursery pupils to be able to interact with nursery staff.

We understand that many families have found it difficult to complete the work as planned out, sometimes due to technology and sometimes because of how things are in the household. Although the learning is important, it is more important that pupils feel safe and secure so do not worry if you have had issues. If you have not managed to complete work please do not feel you have to work on it over the holidays as pupils (as well as parents) need a break.

We realise that these holidays will be unlike holidays pupils have experienced before. We want pupils to have a break from school work but realise that they may feel bored at home. To help support families there are holiday activities on the school website; please note pupils are not required to do any of them, nor send us the results, they are just there if you would like them. Last week there was an updated list of websites posted on the school website that you may also like to access.

Please be aware that over the next two weeks there will be no staff on glow, so although P4-7 pupils can have access to their class team there is no staff member overseeing it. Likewise, If you have any queries after today then staff will answer them upon their return to school on 20th April.

I hope that you have an enjoyable break.

Kind regards

Vicky Marshall