

What to do if your child is unwell and working from home

If your child is unwell and is unable to complete their learning for the day from home, please call the school office. This then means that we can mark your child as absent and unwell, and relay this to the class teacher.

If your child is unwell and when feeling better would like to catch up on the learning that they have missed, you are more than welcome to do this and post on Seesaw/Google classroom.

Period Poverty

Our school has a supply of sanitary products for our pupils should they need them during this time of school closure.

To support our families a box with these items is situated at our main entrance, within the shutter.

Should your child require these products, please feel free to pop along.

Contacting our Families

Class teachers, office staff and our senior leadership are checking in with families.

Teachers will be introducing live check ins with pupils as soon as they can. Teachers may also contact your child to see how they are getting on at this time.

Office staff and our Senior Leadership Team are contacting families for a range of supports.

Please note that these calls may come from a withheld number and not the school number.

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Primary 1 Newsletter
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Welcome Back!

Happy new year to you all. We have definitely missed starting 2021 with all the cheerful, keen faces. It has been a very challenging start to the year and we want to begin by saying thank you so much for your hard work on Seesaw. We have been amazed at the enthusiasm of the pupils and are so thankful for the fantastic support from the parents and carers. We sincerely appreciate the time and effort supporting the learning that we are sending home and hope that we can all be together again in school soon.

What Learning Looks Like in P1

Literacy

We will continue to look at reading, writing, listening and talking through remote learning. Pupils will continue to be sent a speed sound/green word lesson Mon-Thurs along with a follow up task.

Pupils will have the opportunity to listen and respond to stories read by the class teacher or online. Storytime in class is always such a lovely together time which can develop many literacy skills and we would encourage as much reading as possible at home.

As part of our Scotland topic we will be looking at Scots poems and language. The children will be able to learn a poem which will be shared with the class.

Weekly VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation) activities will be taught, specifically focussing on adjectives, verbs, capital letters and full stops. Children will have the opportunity to draw and write throughout the week but a focussed writing session will take place each week with guidance given to parents.

Numeracy

Pupils will have the opportunity to complete online tasks as well as using materials in their home to support their learning. We will continue to focus on reading, writing and ordering numbers. Pupils will also learn how to group and share (the basis of times tables and division) as well as learning addition facts.

In maths pupils will be learning about money. They will learn the value of coins and begin to learn how to add coins to make amounts. We are looking forward to lots of photographs of 'playing shops' at home. We have also planned to look at symmetry and fractions later this term.

Health and Wellbeing

What a fit and healthy bunch we have in Primary 1. Thank you for your efforts so far. Mr Cook will continue to provide children with activities to develop strength and fitness. He will also be looking at ways in which children can feel safe, nurtured and healthy.

IDL

This term we are completing a mini topic on Scotland, including map work, personal research, construction/model making and looking at the Scots language.

We will also be having lots of fun learning about space, focussing on day and night and the seasons.

Teacher Comments and Feedback on Learning

During these times teachers in our school will feedback on the learning that has been prepared for pupils. We will provide a range of feedback linked to this from a simple like or tick to a more detailed response with a next step.

We are delighted that so many of our families are completing additional learning activities and are sharing these with us. If time allows, we will comment on these when we can.

Our teachers will comment as they can throughout the school day. Teachers are working both in school supporting our learners who are in school, and working from home, while ensuring that their own children are completing their own learning. As a result of this comments from teachers may occur at different times of the school day. We appreciate your support and patience with this.