

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 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 4 Newsletter January 2021

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Welcome Back!

I hope you all managed to have a lovely Christmas break and feel well rested and ready for the term ahead. Ms Macleod has now started her post over at St Luke's as their Support for Learning teacher, and we wish her all the best in a job she was very enthusiastic about starting! I (Mr McGaff) will now be Primary 4's teacher for the full week, and I am excited about what we can achieve as a class and the fun we will have.

A Different Start to the New Year

I would like to say a huge thank you for the engagement I have witnessed on Seesaw since we moved our Primary 4 classroom online. A transition of this scale was not expected when we left school for the holidays, however as a class you have shown a great deal of proactivity in order for the move to learning online to be a success. I would also like to thank you for the patience you have shown as I grasp the ropes of delivering teaching and learning on Seesaw. Your attitude to the changes have definitely made them smoother, and while some of the plans we have for the class have been put on hold, your interactions with activities on the online classroom have made it easier to deliver lessons that resemble a normal day in the P4 classroom.

What Learning Looks Like in P4

Literacy

Primary 4 children will continue to work daily on their Read Write Inc. or Reading Comprehension Strategies lessons while home learning is ongoing. These lessons will be important for enabling your child to develop their literacy skills at home. In addition, two writing activities will be set a week; an adaption of our Big Writing Adventures and a VCOP lesson to enhance the class' writing skills. We have also made a start on our class talk on 'Climate Change' as part of our Oceans topic, and this will give your child the chance to practise their Listening & Talking skills from home.

Numeracy

Activities will go online for each of the five numeracy domains on their respective days; Number Processes on Mondays, Addition & Subtraction on Tuesdays, Multiplication & Division on Wednesdays, Fractions on Thursdays and Symbols & Expressions on Fridays. These activities will

be allocated to numeracy groups based on the levels they were working on in class before the holidays. In addition, Primary 4 will be learning about Properties of 2D & 3D Objects as our current maths topic, and will move on to Symmetry & Transformation following this.

Health and Wellbeing

Resilience continues to be the focus of Primary 4's learning in Health & Wellbeing, especially with current ongoings. Online lessons will focus on building our resilience skills and developing strategies to help us cope with such troubling times. Mr Cook will be preparing PE activities on Seesaw that can be done at home for exercise, and will also be covering the topic of Food and Health for the class.

IDL

Primary 4's topic until the February break will be Oceans. In this topic, the class will partake in a variety of activities which explore the oceans of the planet, the animals which call the ocean their habitat and current issues regarding the ocean due to climate change. Following this, Primary 4 will begin their Australia topic.

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 out 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.