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Dear All

I hope this letter continues to find you all well and safe and you and your children are continuing to manage the current situation as best you all can. Please remember you are doing a brilliant job and thank you to everyone who has sent in photos of home learning. Thanks to Mrs Boardman who will create a slideshow from these photos. I am seeing some fantastic home learning and everyone is being so creative. Well done. Please keep sending them in or posting on facebook. It is lovely to see so many children on teams and what you and your children have been up to. Fingers crossed the sun comes back!!

This week's updates

- Home learning seems to be going well and many of you have requested to receive learning grids via email. This has been set up but if possible please can your child still access teams too for other information and the opportunity to communicate with the teacher and others in their class. Each teacher has now set up weekly learning grids for your child to follow. There are also some additional tasks set on individual class teams for the children to do daily if they wish. Also on teams there is a weekly topic grid for the whole family to do together no matter which class your child is in. We felt this would be useful as we know it is challenging trying to support more than one child doing different things. Mrs Boardman and Mrs Campbell/Mrs Elliott are keeping in touch with and setting appropriate tasks for their P1- P3 pupils. They are not expected to spend as much time on online platforms such as Teams as older more independent pupils. Parents of younger pupils should contact their child's class teacher if they have questions. Some children should have also received a literacy ladder pack this week and this was delivered to your home by Mrs Gorard. A huge thanks to Mrs G for doing this. Some have still to be delivered.
- Next week on teams you will find a health and wellbeing questionnaire for your child to complete. This will be part of their weekly learning grids. This has to be completed by your child and submitted. If there are any problems with this then please email Mrs Vivek gw09viveklyndsey@ea.dumgal.sch.uk. We plan to send this questionnaire home every fortnight as another way of communicating with your child. Questions may differ each time and will help us support your child as best we can from afar.
- If you require any individual advice or help about your child please do contact your child's teacher via email. Staff are obviously carrying out other school tasks at home along with some also being in the hub so if you email a teacher it may take them a day or two to get back to you.
- A PDF pupil progress report will be emailed to you all as soon as we can. Obviously things are taking much longer to do as we are working from home under different circumstances. You will also receive a covering letter with the report and a guide to understanding the report. If necessary these may be distributed at a different time via email or facebook. If you have more than one child you may receive the reports at different times too due to the time it is going to take to email them all individually.
- Next week would have been Mrs Elliott's last day in school as she leaves for her maternity leave. We are pleased that Mrs Collins will take over from Mrs Elliott on Teams on a

Wednesday. I am sure you would like to wish Mrs Elliott all the best and wish her luck in the future. P3/4 may still see her on their teams until the baby is born. Some of you may want to wish Mrs Elliott all the best by leaving her a wee message on our facebook group. Good luck and we look forward to hearing of her good news.

- Just a wee reminder that Friday 8th May is a May Day holiday so please all take a break from home learning and the teachers will be too and will not be accessing teams or emails on this day.
- We are still unsure what school will look like in the near future and when school will return. For those new children starting in P1 we have started to discuss how we can support their transition. Things will be placed on the Nursery facebook page to help with transition in relation to staff, the school building and buddies. More information about online transition to come. For P7 I am sure individual Secondary Schools will be in touch with you and your child.
- As you know we are open as a childcare hub for key workers, this is for child care only and there is no formal learning taking place, so it is not school. The hub is getting very busy and is nearing capacity so please remember that this is only for those key workers who have no other alternative child care provision.
- We will continue to communicate with you in lots of ways through teams, facebook, email, text and via phone calls. If there is anything we can do to help at all please let us know. There will also be a weekly letter sent home to you every Friday via facebook and email.

Thank you for your ongoing support during this time. Take care everyone, stay safe and let us hope that things are back to normal as soon as it possibly can be.

Regards

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