



7/5/20

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. This is being issued a day early as Friday is a holiday. I hope you all have a lovely bank holiday. 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!! I hope you all enjoyed our video to you all, which was uploaded onto facebook. It was just as emotional for us making it and watching it, as I am sure it was for you seeing it and all the lovely messages. A special thanks to Miss Little for putting it together for you all. This week's updates

- Added to this week's home learning has been work related to the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Any photos of work your child has done on this, please send this in to the school for us to see and to share locally. Thank you to all those who have submitted the health and wellbeing questionnaire. The next one will be submitted in two week's time. If there are any problems with this then please email Mrs Vivek gw09viveklyndsey@ea.dumgal.sch.uk. There is still time to submit it if you can. We did put something on facebook this week from Parent Club with advice for parents, we hope this has been helpful. I will post on facebook when I am in the hub each week and if there is anything, I am happy to take phone calls from any parent wishing to have a chat about anything. I am not in at all next week but my next shifts are Monday 18th until 2pm then Wed 20th from 2pm
- Hopefully at the start of next week we will start to issue reports. Apologies again for the delay in this but things are just taking so much longer to do when everyone is separately working from home.

Information about the Reports

As we have had to change the issue date so often due to various reasons such as Inspection and now due to the closure of the school, these reports were accurate at the time of writing and at the time of the last contact with the pupils. As you will understand, since then things will have changed but unfortunately we are not able to do anything about this. Your child's report consists of 3 parts – Teacher Report, Pupil Voice Section and Pupil/Parent Feedback sheet. Some children were able to complete the Pupil Voice section before the school closed, others did not. So this section may be blank for some. We would also normally ask for you and your child to complete the feedback sheet and return it to the school. This year if there is any feedback you would like to give then please email this to your child's teacher. Maybe for the older ones, this along with their pupil voice section (if not completed) could be a home learning task to practice their emailing skills. In the report there may be next steps identified, if possible this may be something which could be worked on at home. Any further help needed with this contact the teacher. With the report, just one per family, you should also receive a guide to help you understand the different sections of the report. This is obviously very different times and in relation to your child's learning, when the schools return we will all support your child to settle back into their learning and school as best we can and we will have a clear plan of how this will happen. Remember your children will also be learning lots of new skills for life, learning and work during this time and these will help them settle back into formal learning when the school reopens.

- As children and adults are spending so much more time on line at the moment here are links to resources which give advice about how to keep everyone safe on line at this time <https://www.parentclub.scot/articles/online-safety>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/free-internet-safety-resources-parents>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/our-views/online-safety-and-safeguarding-during-covid-19/>

- We are really keen to still keep in touch with Goldielea during this time. We thought it would be nice if anyone who wanted to, as part of their home learning could make them a card or draw them a picture or anything they would like to do. They are still receiving mail so these could be posted to them. They would love to receive these and I am sure it would brighten up their day, staff and residents. Many Thanks.
- I know some P7s have started to receive information from their Secondary Schools and we have certainly had communication from them. If there are any queries from this from you or your child please get in touch with them or us and we can check things out for you to support your child through this time as I am sure you and your child have lots of unanswered questions.
- A special Good luck and thank you to Mrs Elliott and we look forward to welcoming Mrs Collins back on a Wednesday to P3/4.
- Just a reminder - 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 and through a weekly letter. If there is anything we can do to help at all please let us know.

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

Mrs E Watson
Head Teacher