



# Cargenbridge School Updates and information

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## WORKING TOGETHER LEARNING TOGETHER

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### Mrs Watson says.....

As we all start a well earned break I am sure you would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support during this challenging time. All our staff both in school and those working from home have all worked really hard to support all our pupils and parents with childcare and remote learning and to keep everyone safe. A huge thank you to all of you for supporting your children as best you can with their learning. You have all done an amazing job and you should be proud of this important role you are all currently playing. Please all have a lovely rest from remote learning so that we are all rested for our return after the holidays.

Here is the most updated information we have for you prior to our midterm break... Any further information after the update from the **First Minister on 16th Feb** will be shared with you when we return to school on the 18th and 19th Feb. You should have received a letter from Dr Gillian Brydson yesterday with an update from the Council. As from the 22nd if the numbers of Covid cases have shown continued improvement the school will operate in 3 different ways.

Here is information about these....

### Information on Phased Return for P1/2 and P2/3

We can't wait to see all our ELC to P3 pupils again and we know it will be a time of excitement for some but mixed emotions for others. We will again be taking things gently to begin with, supporting health and well-being as our priority along with assessing where all our children are with their learning. If you have any concerns or worries about your child returning please email your child's teacher. We will reissue our arrangements for our phased return before they start again and much of our arrangements will be as they were before lockdown. Children should wear school uniform and they will still be in bubbles and there will be a staggered start and finish. There may be some changes to drop off and pick up times for some children. You will be notified if your drop off and pick up time has changed.

### Information on Childcare

We will still have some P4-7 children in school for childcare and the childcare hub will be from 9am to 3pm in the P5/6 classroom. The childcare children will be in a different bubble from the other children. Reminder that childcare should only be used if you have no other alternative childcare, you can't work from home and for only the times when you are out at work. The staff in the hub will support your child with their learning. This is not a replication of school and it will run like a Homework Club. At the moment children don't need to wear school uniform and need to bring indoor shoes, packed lunch, snack and water bottle. School lunches can be ordered if not done so already.

### Remote Learning P4-7

This will continue in the same way as present. There will be a reorganisation of when Teams will be supervised by staff due to having less staff to work on Teams. There will still be live teams sessions for all the children as at present. More information will be shared before 22nd Feb. Well done to Correy and Amira for great online quizzes this week.

### Nessy Computer Programme

All children have access to Nessy a computer game which helps with keyboard skills and spelling. When monitoring we have noticed that many children are not accessing this as much as they could. Nessy and Sumdog Numeracy and Grammar are all things the children should be able to do independently. From after the mid term break we wonder who can collect the most nuggets and be on it for the most time? **Why don't you try and be the best at both of these. There will be prizes given to those spending the most time on it and for the most earned each week.**

**Good Luck everyone.**

### Online Safety

Tuesday of this week was **Internet Safety Day**. At this moment, as more and more of us are communicating on line it is even more important to ensure our children are kind, safe and communicate appropriately while on line. Please discuss with your child how to do this appropriately especially when playing online games with others. Some children are reporting to us that at times people do not communicate respectfully to them while playing these games. We always say "always speak to people online as if they were speaking to them in person" Here is a link to further guidance for parents.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

### Special Achievements

Some more families are doing some wonderful fundraising. It's great to see others are being inspired to help some great causes during this time. Well done to Jay and Angela O who are raising money for Blood Cancer by running 50 miles in February. Good luck and another great cause to raise money for. Well done

### **Careers Week 1st- 5th March 2021**

Normally during careers week, we would invite parents/family members into school to talk to the children about their jobs. This is usually a very successful week and the children learn lots and are inspired by a range of people. This year being different, we would like to invite parents to send in a short clip or PowerPoint telling the children all about their job which will be shared with children on Teams and in school. All jobs and experiences welcomed. You may want to consider including what your job is, what you like/dislike about your job, what you need to do to do your job, any other interesting pieces of information about your job. Please send clips/PowerPoints to Mrs Vivek [gw09viveklyndsey@ea.dumgal.sch.uk](mailto:gw09viveklyndsey@ea.dumgal.sch.uk) by Friday 19th February.

Thought I would share this with you. I am sure you will agree with the words

### **Shout Out to the Kids**

Everyone is applauding everyone. We should applaud our children. These little heroes have stayed indoors more than they have ever known in their lives. Their whole worlds have literally been turned upside down. All those rules they've never known. A life they couldn't have imagined. All the things they love like sports, being with friends, going to school, or just being kids have all been taken away from them. Adults talking about others becoming unwell. Our poor children's minds must be racing. Every day they get up and carry on despite all that's going on. So here's to our little heroes: today, tomorrow, forever.

Our children have been absolute stars. We are all extremely proud of all of them.