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Newsletter Week Ending 29th January

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone is well and staying safe. This is just a very quick update on a few things. I'm afraid I have no further information at this current time on when schools may return. We await further information on this from the Scottish Government.

Class /Gp Team Meetings (P4-P7)

Feedback from staff has been very positive about these this week. Staff enjoyed seeing their classes and having the opportunity to chat and interact with them. I know technology may not have been on everyone's side but please stick with it and try to access the meetings again next week. Meetings may not be at the same time every week as we want to give everyone the opportunity to join and we know everyone's circumstances are different. Class teachers will notify pupils when their meetings are either through Teams, Dojo or email. We really appreciate your support in this but ask that pupils try to be as independent as possible during the meetings.

Daily Check-Ins

As part of safeguarding while pupils are not in school, we are working on how best we can manage a daily check in with pupils. You may see over the next few weeks (although some have started this) class teachers asking pupils to like a post on Teams each morning or like a dojo post to let us know it has been seen. This gives us an indication that children are engaging, and we know pupils are being supported. If we see that pupils are not regularly, checking in then it could flag a cause for concern and we may need to phone to check all is well. We do not want this to be an onerous task, but we are required to maintain safeguarding standards during this time.

Home Learning

I hope you will all agree that the children are being provided with a range of engaging learning opportunities through their home learning grids. We are delighted with the level of engagement this time round. Staff are working extremely hard to plan and prepare learning but also provide feedback to pupils about their learning as they would do in class. We fully appreciate that everyone's circumstances are all different in this current time and that learning maybe taking place in different ways and at different times throughout your week. We asked for pupil feedback last week and next week I will be sharing a form to gather parents' views on our home learning provision.

Thank you as always for your support in these challenging and uncertain times. Take care all and stay safe.

Kind regards
 Mrs E.Duncan