



Dear Parents/Carers

At this time of the school year we are usually planning for sports days and other events instead we find ourselves living in very unusual times, working and learning from home. Although we aren't physically in the building and don't see each other each day we are still all here to support you and your children as well as each other.

#### Home learning and teacher/school contact

Our preferred method of sharing learning is through Dojo. Each class has their own page and teachers regularly add new learning and activities for your children to complete and then share using their portfolio. You can message your child's teacher on Dojo if you have questions or queries about the learning; we would appreciate it if you would message at least once a week to check in. We are also using Dojo to share the fun side of Anderson's. You never know what you are going to see next!



Home learning isn't easy, particularly if you are also working from home and have to share devices to be able to go online. We are all aware of how difficult this situation is and with that in mind please don't try and carry out home learning for 5 hours a day. There are so many other opportunities for learning at home just now we don't want to overload you or your children. When cooking, baking or gardening for example you are including literacy (talking and listening, reading) and maths and numeracy skills (counting, measuring, weighing, time) making these activities just as valuable as those provided by teachers. BBC Scotland and BBCiPlayer are now showing primary and secondary Bitesize programmes every day too. Around an hour and a half each day of core subjects – literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing will be enough although if your child is keen to do more that's great. There will be days when you all just fancy a day off and that's fine too.

The teaching and support staff here at Anderson's are also spending a lot of time searching for educational sites to share with you which are added to the Home Learning page of the school website. Please check back there regularly; there are sections for Literacy and Numeracy, Science/STEM, Modern Languages, Health and Wellbeing, Social Subjects, Craft and Pre School as well as activities that do not need a computer.

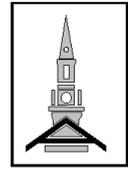
#### Educational Psychology

Moray Educational Psychology Service know that school staff are working hard to provide quality information to parents to help their children's wellbeing and education. As these are unusual and challenging times we would like to provide a wider service to families to help support this work. If you would welcome the opportunity to chat about any social, emotional or educational concerns about your child with our link Educational Psychologist Emma McLeod, they can be contacted via email on [emma.mcleod@moray.gov.uk](mailto:emma.mcleod@moray.gov.uk) or a telephone message can be taken on 01343 550999. Parents/carers that already have, or have had, involvement with the service can, of course, make contact in the same way.

#### Free School Meals /Financial support

Almost all families who are entitled to receive school meals (this only includes those families who have made application for the award and does not cover P1 – P3 pupils) have been contacted and have been provided with vouchers.

Things may change for families quickly, if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals the information can be found on the following link –



<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/my/AndersonsPrimary/>

[http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray\\_standard/page\\_55486.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_55486.html)

#### Moray Emergency Relief Fund

This fund has been launched to support families across Moray who are facing severe hardship, illness or poverty as a result of the coronavirus crisis. You can read more information here –

<https://newsroom.moray.gov.uk/news/moray-emergency-relief-fund-launched>

Applications to the fund can be made using this link -

<http://www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file132792.pdf>

#### Key workers and childcare hubs

The local Hub is at Kinloss Primary, there are others in Elgin, Lossiemouth, Aberlour, Keith, Lhanbryde and Buckie. If you are a key worker and require childcare between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday please call Moray Council Education department on 01343 563374 to discuss this.

#### DYW Moray

The following information is brought to you by DYWMoray.

*“As many parents/guardians will be juggling working from home and home schooling, DYW nationally wanted to use this as an opportunity to encourage everyone who can to get involved with our Bring your Child to Work Day (Home Edition!).*

*Involving young people in what you do during your work day could inspire and raise their awareness of the world of work. By following the national campaign across social media we can continue to showcase the variety of careers on offer.*

#### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

**Step 1:** Pledge your support for the campaign and mark Thursday 23rd April 2020 in your diary and let us know that you are taking part. Help us by spreading the word with colleagues, friends and family!

**Step 2:** On Thursday 23rd April, post a photograph of yourself and your children working at home. Remember and use the hashtag #DYWChildtoWork and tag us - @DYWMoray.”

If you don't use social media and want to be involved, you can send your photo to the school email account and we will pass it on to the DYW team.

All the staff at Anderson's look forward to being able to see everyone back in school and we hope that day comes sooner rather than later; in the meantime, use Dojo and the school website to find activities to help with learning at home. Go outside and play, walk or cycle if you can and enjoy the sunshine.

If you have any worries or concerns you can contact me using the school email account - [admin.andersonsp@moray-edunet.gov.uk](mailto:admin.andersonsp@moray-edunet.gov.uk) - and I'll do my best to help.

Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times.

Stay safe.

Sara Neil  
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