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Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope this update finds you well. Firstly, we would like to thank all of our parents / carers for the support you have given your child/children in accessing online learning. The engagement of pupils throughout all stages has been fabulous. The children have really risen to the challenges presented by learning in this way.



Supporting children with learning and carrying out our own work and other tasks will have you constantly busy. We are delighted that so many families are managing to access the online learning resource, but can we take this opportunity to remind you, if it feels like too much for you or your child, take a break; an hour, an afternoon or a day. It is all too easy to get caught up in the pressure around us at the moment. Time outside in fresh air will recharge your batteries and give everyone a break from screen time.



Assignments - Handing in work

We would like to encourage everyone to use the Assignments section to return assignment set work, rather than posting it into children's folders. This is so that staff can provide confidential feedback to the children.

When submitting work within assignments, please remember to attach the piece of work using the paper clip icon and then click the 'Hand In' button at the top right-hand corner, to ensure that the piece of work is submitted to the class teach to view and provide feedback. There is no need to print work off. If it is not possible to edit it online, or you prefer your child to write it, you can copy it into jotters for them to complete and then take a photo of this and then attach it in assignments using the paperclip button at the bottom.



I will post an announcement and attach a document on each class Team page with a step by step guide to using and accessing Teams after the February break. Please use this, if required for reference.

Return to School Information

Following the First Minister's announcement on Tuesday 2nd February 2021, we await further guidance from North Lanarkshire Council before we communicate any arrangements to parents / carers. We will keep you up to date with any information as and when we receive this.



Survey Data

Recently the school issued a survey for children, parents and carers to complete about the online learning provision. The links for the surveys are posted on all class Teams pages, Twitter and another Groupcall message has gone out to inform you of the extension and new closing date. To access the child survey, it may ask you to put in an email address. Please use your child's Glow email and password which should allow you to access this. We would be grateful if you and your child/children could take the time to complete the survey as your feedback is welcome and appreciated as it helps us to identify what is working and possible next steps to improve the digital offering provided by the school.

We have extended the deadline for these until **Sunday 7th February 2021 at 5pm.** After all the surveys have closed, we will collate the information and then put it together to share with our school community.

Parent Council

The Parent Council have organised a virtual quiz night for the Eastfield Community to boost spirits during these times. This will be held on Friday 26th March 2021 at 7:30pm. If you are interested in joining please contact a member of the Parent Council for further details or see their Twitter page @EastfieldPC





February Holiday

Monday 8th February - School closed

Tuesday 9th February - School closed

Wednesday 10th February - In-service day for staff

Thursday 11th February - Online learning provision resumes

We recently put out a Tweet about some virtual 'February FunFest' activities that Cumbernauld Together is offering during the long weekend. You can email them at cumbernauldtogether@gmail.com for more information or find them on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CumbernauldTogether/>

If you have an enquiry about your child's learning please contact the school at enquiries@eastfield.n-lanark.sch.uk or call 01236 632106 and we will be happy to help. Please do not ask direct questions of staff on the Teams posts as this is a child forum. The online platform should be a place for children only, but we do understand our younger pupils need support with reading posts and uploading work.

The management team have been contacting some families, just to check that everyone is safe and well and to offer out support. We will continue to do this in the weeks ahead and monitor the online engagement through Assignments completed and handed-in.

We hope that the children enjoy their February break and that our Eastfield community stays safe.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs McPhee and Mrs Bradshaw



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