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## Education and Families

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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you have all managed to have a relaxing Christmas break and that you are all safe and well.

You will be fully aware now as to what is happening with schools and nurseries following the First Ministers announcement yesterday and the further communication that has been sent out to you all recently.

All school/nursery staff are back to work on Wednesday 6 January as planned, however we are aware we won't be returning to normal with all our beloved children in the school and nursery with us. Please be assured though we are doing everything we can to make sure all plans are in place to fully support your child with their online learning at home as we know that some of you will be anxious about the return to home learning. Therefore, over the coming days all staff will work together to ensure there is a consistent approach across the school/nursery with regards to digital learning and teaching and what you can expect from us.

We will be in touch with you all by the end of the week with our digital learning and teaching offer which will highlight how you can best support your child at home with their learning. We asked again about families who required devices and we only had a small number of returns back, which are now with NLC who will then provide a device for your child. In the meantime for the families who asked for a device, we have and will provide those children with devices until your device is delivered by NLC.

You will also be aware that school/nursery is **ONLY** open to children of keyworkers and vulnerable children. From Wednesday 6 – Friday 8 January those children who have been identified will attend school and nursery for childcare only. From Monday 11 January online learning and teaching will start for ALL children.

Furthermore, you will be aware of the severity of the situation we now find ourselves in with COVID and the new mutations that are being identified. With that in mind if your child is attending school/nursery as we start back please **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** send your child to school/nursery if you, your child or anyone else in your household has symptoms or is unwell, by doing so you are putting others at risk. Please stay at home, book a test and help protect the NHS.

We know that the coming weeks and months are going to be incredibly difficult for us all and probably the biggest challenge some of us may ever face, but I can honestly say the last time we pulled together as a community and we go through it and we will do it again - I have no doubt. I frequently say that being part of NMPS is truly something special as we all help and support each other across



school/nursery, in homes and across the Glenmavis community. Once again we will see the best humanity has to offer.

I know the past 9 months has taken its toll on everyone, but one things for sure that when we work together we achieve great things and that was evident the last time, so keep your chin up and your spirits high and know that we are with you ALL every step of the way. If there is anything you need or we can help with then please get in touch and we will do our best to support you whatever that may be. Don't be worried about asking for help if you need it.

To our parents/carers who work for the NHS thank you for all you do and continue to do, we will always be forever grateful. Finally, for all the children we won't see tomorrow please pass on our love to them and give them a big massive hug as we will miss them terribly, as like you, we only want the best for ALL our children.

"It's vitally important to help each other,  
No we can't walk in each other's shoes, but  
We can walk side by side (2m apart) and  
Support each other"

Stay safe and well

*Mrs. M Reid*

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