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Our shared vision: Working together to create a nurturing, inclusive, rights respecting community, where learning is exciting, challenging and relevant.



Head Teacher's Message April 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to my recent letter, I would like to thank you all for your patience and support as we continue to adapt to this temporary way of working. As a staff, we are overwhelmed by how resilient the children have been and by everyone's positivity during this time. We are very much of the belief that together, we will get through this.

As you know, my staff have been working extremely hard to maintain a level of learning at home. Despite the physical distance, we remain connected in many ways through Twitter, emails and communication through Teams. It is evident, that our welcoming and nurturing ethos that is felt in our school building is continuing. As I have mentioned before, if you are experiencing any difficulties with online work, please contact us at enquiries@noble.n-lanark.sh.uk and we will work with you to identify alternative ways of working.

Across the authority, there are 10 hub schools, offering provision for pupils of critical Key Workers. Our locality hub is St John Paul II Primary Schools in Viewpark. I have been volunteering, alongside other Noble staff to support the hub over the next few weeks. If you need to contact me, I will be available at St John Paul II on Wednesday and Thursday next week (8th and 9th April). Please do not hesitate to get in touch on 01698 522723 or through email ht@noble.n-lanark.sch.uk.

I would like to take this opportunity to say that I hope you are all keeping safe. We are all missing the children very much and if you can, we really enjoy seeing the children share their work on Twitter or on their class Teams site. As always, I will keep you up to date with any further developments.

Kind regards,

Mr Daniel Murray
Head Teacher



Free School Meal Entitlement During School Closures

A new payment system is being set up for pupils who receive free school meals -this includes all primary 1 to primary 3 pupils and all eligible P4-7 children. It started on Friday 27 March and will run throughout the current health crisis.

Parents and carers of pupils who receive free school meals will be sent a message twice a week from the council. It will include a voucher code for £10.00 (you will receive a total of £20.00 per child per week).

The message will be sent either as a text message to your mobile phone, by email or as a printed copy if you don't have internet access. You can use the voucher code at any shop that accepts Pay Point, for a list of your local Pay Point retailers visit <https://consumer.paypoint.com/> and enter your postcode.

For more information, please email the free school meals team on: FME@northlan.gov.uk

Funding for the additional element of this provision has come from the £3m emergency fund, which has been set up by the council to deal with the health crisis.

CAUTION

We are aware of fraudulent emails circulating asking for bank details of those with children entitled to free school meals. Please be aware that we do not require your bank details.



Perhaps you would like to apply for Free School Meals?

Perhaps your circumstances have changed and you now need to make use of this service?

Simply go to:

www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

or email FME@northlan.gov.uk

Sumdog App and Online Access

Sumdog provides users with personalised Maths and Spelling practice through fun and engaging games. Teachers can monitor progress and set tasks and challenges. Children can play individual games, or they can link with other children across the school. There are motivational tools included to encourage children to improve on their personal best.

Every child in North Lanarkshire schools has been provided with a Sumdog login as part of the Scottish Attainment Challenge. Login details have been emailed to you.

Please email enquiries@noble.n-lanark.sch.uk if you are experiencing any difficulties.



HOME LEARNING

Children learn all the time, whether in school, through play, talking to others, at home or through planned learning activities. Learning just now is different to the usual routine and here is a note to share with your child!



Your classroom is going to be different. Your own home learning space.



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Your teacher/school will regularly send you new learning activities through GLOW and would love to hear back from you. Login or ask an adult to login to GLOW each day.



You or an adult can decide when to login each day. Your school day will be different. It might be shorter blocks of time with challenges, games and activities. Ideas and tasks will be sent from your school through Microsoft Teams. We will also retweet good ideas on Twitter.



Only use the post section on Microsoft Teams to contact your teacher only. Your teacher will be busy through the day with other tasks and may not always respond immediately. There are times in the day when the posts option will be disabled. If this is unavailable, all contact should be made through enquiries@northlan.gov.uk Anyone misusing this option or being disrespectful will have their access disabled.



Glow - What is it?

Glow is the world's first national safe and secure online community for pupils, parents and teachers. Glow gives access to information and activities including interactive educational games, revision papers, links to other sites and news features. These resources support pupils to learn in innovative and exciting ways. Glow has a number of key features and access to, or restrictions to, these features is dependent on the permissions set by the local authority. Not all features are relevant to all users.

How does it work?

Each child or teacher is given unique logins to access this trusted, safe environment where they can create personalised programmes of work, share resources or help parents understand and become more involved in their children's learning by keeping up to date with their progress and achievements.

How does it assist my child's learning?

For children, Glow is:

- A tool to access the benefits of the internet and a range of online learning resources
- A space for collaborating with other learners
- A facility to connect with teachers about learning
- A space to create and innovate as you learn

Why use it?

The constantly evolving digital world has transformed the way in which our children communicate, network, seek help and access information to learn. Glow provides tailored resources, appropriate to the children in a safe, secure and engaging way. It is particularly useful in exceptional times of school closures, extreme weather etc.

What are the benefits?

Glow is a secure and safe setting. It will facilitate continuity of learning during school closures.

How does my child get access?

Your child will be given access by the school via a secure username and password. This gives your child access to information and resources suitable to them.

A pupil's access to, and view of, Glow will be different from a teacher's view.

Can my child access Glow anywhere?

As it is web-based, Glow can be used wherever an internet connection is available, such as on a desktop, laptop, tablet or mobile device. All of our work will be posted on Microsoft Teams. All your child needs is their unique username, email and password.



Spring Holidays

Today marks our official school holiday. It could quite possibly be the strangest holiday we will ever experience. During this time, we would strongly advise that the children take a break from online learning. Posting on Microsoft Teams will be disabled over the next two weeks and teachers will **not** be updating the Teams sites during this time.

We will of course, continue to sign post some ideas on Twitter. Sumdog, Study Ladder, Epic are just some of the apps that the children can continue to access however, we would advocate that the children do take regular breaks from being online.

We will post a few websites on our Twitter page that may be of interest to the children. The enquiries email address will be monitored over the holiday, so if you need to get in touch, please do not hesitate to do so.

We will be emailing you after the holiday to gather your views on how well our online provision has been working and to see if there is anything we can change to make it even better. Have a good holiday from everyone at Noble Primary School.

