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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you as well as can be and in good spirits.

We continue to look at ways of improving experiences for our children. I previously mentioned that we would work to move to the use of Glow Teams and we are now in a position to tentatively begin to do this. Every task we do now is more tricky and challenging than it would be if we were in school. My next task is to issue your child with their Glow log in information. As every email address for Glow is unique these will need to be issued manually to you all, so please be patient while these are sent out by email and keep the information safe for use. We will issue lots of guidance to help everyone to begin to use Teams and will support you if you encounter any problems. I'm confident it will help your child feel more connected to their teacher and we move forward in learning digitally, this platform will offer us much more scope to 'teach' remotely as opposed to simply issuing tasks.

At this stage in lockdown we are aware that you may be thinking of your resources at home, namely jotters. Myself and Mr Creighton of New Stevenston Primary are approaching this issue as a campus and are working towards a solution to ensure families can collect new jotters when required. We are being very careful to ensure we closely follow national guidance to ensure we do not put any of our families at increased risk of infection and so very strict distancing rules will be applied for collections. We are aiming to have the likes of jotters available for collection on an ongoing basis rather than during a limited window of time, again to avoid bottle necking and large numbers of people gathering at the school – this would be incredibly dangerous and couldn't be allowed to happen.

As our campus is being used as a Hub we have to be very careful not to increase risk of infection transmission to and from the pupils and staff in the building and so we are carefully considering how best to mitigate risk and are seeking permissions/guidance from the local authority in this regard.

Keep an eye on the school blog and Twitter (@StPatricksPrim2) for updates on the above issues.

Stay safe and God Bless,

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