



Kilbarchan Primary School
February Update
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Phased Return

Earlier this week the First Minister announced the plans for the phased return of some pupils in to school buildings. These plans are of course subject to continued progress on suppressing virus levels in the community. If levels continue to move in the right direction, the First Minister will confirm these plans at the next review of coronavirus protective measures, which is expected to take place on Tuesday 16 February.

As many of you will be aware, from Monday 22 February, P1 to P3 pupils will return to the school building full time. Once additional guidance regarding this return has been made available to schools, we will of course contact you with our plans as to what this will look like for your child at Kilbarchan Primary School.

School Information

We are pleased to see that families value our flexible approach to our online learning. Moving forward, work in all Google classrooms will be posted at 0830 each morning, with teachers available as normal from 0900.

A reminder that Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 February are Holidays and Wednesday 10 February is an In-Service Day. This means that Remote Learning and the Hub will be closed on these days and will reopen on Thursday 11 February.

Parent/Carer Remote Learning Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on our remote learning provision through our questionnaire. I wanted to share the feedback we received with you.

Can your child access Google Classrooms? 100% said Yes

You said:

Working well, teacher supportive
The Google Classroom is very well laid out and easy to navigate
Easy to access, well planned and presented
Sometimes tricky to type on slide

What will we do?

We will continue to develop our technology to improve interactivity on slides

Have you been able to contact the school? 95% said Yes

You said:

The school are always very approachable and easy to contact
Very friendly and helpful as always!
All issues have been resolved promptly
Class teachers extremely helpful. Phone calls to parents very helpful and informative

Have issues/queries been addressed in a timely manner? 100% said Yes or N/A

Do you feel the work posted on Google Classrooms is.....?

You said:

73% said Just Right

The mix of 'assignments' and live interactions seems a good balance

The work covers different aspects of the curriculum with a real focus on literacy and numeracy. There have been a number of health and well-being activities covering mental and physical health.

In very difficult circumstances I think that the school are doing an excellent job.

27% said Too Much

There is a lot of language work, with typing put answers it takes a long time!

It can be a bit confusing

Often relying on grandparents

What will we do?

Encourage children to focus on Literacy and Maths if families are struggling to get through everything.

Remind parents and carers that they are doing an awesome job under really challenging circumstances!

Work closely with our families to provide support to learners wherever possible.

Do you feel supported by the school staff? 95% said Yes

You said:

I've heard from the class teacher, head teacher and spoken with Linda at the office. Cannot thank you all enough for everything that you are doing

Always very helpful

I am sure I could call if there were any issues and I feel my child's teacher checks on his well-being daily

Of those who didn't feel supported:

Would like the Google Classroom to be more interactive throughout the day

For the school to be more pro-active in their support

What will we do?

Continue to monitor interaction and engagement daily

Continue to call and support our families on a regular basis

What is working for your family in terms of remote learning?

You said:

Flexibility of being able to do the schoolwork as and when it suits

Being able to support my child with daily learning

The feedback and support from teachers

Keeps the children's minds active and school orientated. Also working with them lets us know how the children are progressing

Availability of teachers

Clear instructions are given for each task with explanations for adults on strategies to use to help

What could we do to help your family?

You said:

Keep doing what you are doing!
Provide extra help if child is getting stuck
Provide more printed work
Prevent clashes between classes doing live Google sessions
Prioritise tasks

What we will do:

Continue to link in with families where children are struggling
Continue to focus on Literacy and Maths activities
Look at different ways to present learning tasks
Ensure classes timetable their live Google sessions across the week

Is there anything else you would like us to know?

You said:

Please keep the live Google sessions going!
We hope the children are back at school as soon as possible
We are grateful to have a place in the hub
Live Google sessions are important for the children to keep in touch
It is difficult to manage work, home and school
We appreciate the hard work from staff at the school
You are doing a great job!

I would like to thank you all for your continued patience during these challenging times and for the lovely conversations we have had over the last few weeks! What an amazingly positive and supportive community we have in Kilbarchan!

Fiona MacKenzie
Head Teacher