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Dear Parent/Carer,

Online Learning at Cochrane Castle

As you know, the Scottish Government has announced that online learning must take place in all schools across Scotland beginning on Monday 11th January.

To that end we have decided to use Class Dojo, throughout the school, to post your child's learning and to enable you and your child to communicate with your class teacher. Many of you have already connected with your child's teacher on Dojo. If you have still to do this, then instructions are included in your child's resource pack. We chose Dojo as it is child friendly and can be accessed via an app on a smart phone, iPads, tablets and laptops. If you are having trouble connecting, then please contact the school and we will be happy to help.

As well as Class Dojo all our teachers will be using a Virtual Classroom with Bitmoji to engage your children. Again, we have opted for the same format across the school so siblings can support one another and parents become familiar with the layout and expectations throughout the school.

Our programme of online learning will replicate a normal school day as much as possible. Teaching and learning will take place in all curricular areas therefore it is extremely important that together we do everything we can to ensure your child's engagement. Teachers will be available every day from 930am – 3pm to teach and support your child. The online learning your child will receive will be a blend of many approaches. They will receive learning intentions and success criteria for all their lessons and our expectation will be to aim high in all areas.

We appreciate that appropriate devices and access to the internet may be an issue for some families. During next week, we will be reviewing the information you provided us after the last lockdown and utilising the devices we have available in the school to support those who need it most. If you know that lack of an appropriate device or access to the internet will be an issue for you then please contact the school and we will be happy to help. All calls will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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It is our intention to have a resource day at the school every week. This would provide every family with the opportunity to replenish resources if required but will also allow our teachers to provide additional materials for your child to use at home. Further information will be given on this next week and details for each class will be made clear.

We appreciate that individual circumstances continue to change. If this is the case and you believe your child to be eligible for a place in the childcare hub in the school then you can apply by contacting the school office where Mrs McGregor will take all the necessary information and forward to me. I will then contact you to discuss.

Please stay safe at home and follow the latest public health advice. If there is anything else you wish to discuss, please contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely

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