



## Kilbarchan Primary School

### School Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to begin by giving you all a big 'Well done!' as you navigate your way through this second period of remote learning. As a school we completely appreciate and understand the pressures you must be under, juggling work, family life, remote learning and lockdown in general. You are doing an amazing job under very challenging circumstances and we hope that you feel able to contact us should you ever need our support.

As you will all be aware, the Scottish Government have extended the period of remote learning until the middle of February and we will continue to keep you updated as information becomes available. For the moment we continue to operate through two main approaches: Kilbarchan Hub School; and remote learning through Google Classrooms.

#### **Hub School**

Our hub is staffed by teachers, support staff, management, clerical, cleaning and janitorial staff each day. We continue to follow all risk assessment guidance and operate within our normal high standards of health and safety.

#### **Google Classrooms**

Classwork is posted daily with a range of activities on offer for pupils. We understand that each family is different, and that the rhythm of your day will vary from one household to the next. We have built flexibility into our system to allow work to be completed and submitted at a time that suits you best.

We take the safety and wellbeing of our children very seriously, so a key part of our remote learning provision involves a pupil check-in. This replicates what would 'normally' happen in school and provides an opportunity for pupils to say how they are feeling and alert the teacher to any concerns they may have. Your child's teacher will also offer 'Live Check-ins' with pupils as we know that seeing their teacher's face can be a comfort and a motivation.

The plan for the day, including the activities and supporting resources are signposted on the classroom page, with class teachers online and able to provide support and feedback on work submitted. We ask that children engage with as much online learning as possible but encourage families to choose what works best for them. Each family will have a different approach and so, in order to alleviate any pressure, we would recommend that literacy and numeracy tasks are prioritised.

There are a range of learning approaches being used: from live interactions with teachers to recorded lessons; from interactive Powerpoint slides to art activities; from work on the computer to activities undertaken when out on a walk. All work submitted by pupils will be seen and reviewed by their teacher, with comments and in-depth feedback focusing upon literacy and numeracy activities.

#### **Suggested Plan for Pupils:**

1. Log in to Goggle Classroom
2. Complete check-in
3. Check for feedback from teacher and make any corrections
4. Look over the plan for the day
5. Send the teacher a message or post a comment if anything is unclear
6. Make a start on the work, watch the videos, click on the links and remember to contact the teacher if they get stuck
7. Remember to click on the button to submit work at the end

### **Contacting Families**

We have absolutely loved calling our families over the last few weeks! It is so nice to hear how you are all getting on, often speaking with the children themselves. We will continue to do this throughout lockdown, calling from either the school number or a withheld number. Please keep an eye out for our call or check your messages in case we missed you.

### **Contacting the School**

There are several different ways to contact the school:

- Pupils can email their teacher, post a message on the classroom page, or write a message when completing their check-in
- Parents/Carers can email [kilbarchanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:kilbarchanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)
- Parents/Carers can call 0300 300 0163

It may be that when you initially make contact, your child's class teacher is supporting another family, providing feedback to a pupil, recording a lesson or volunteering in our Hub. Please be assured that we will do our best to respond in a timely manner and ask that you contact the school directly if you are unsure as to the best method of communication, we always love hearing from you!

We don't want anyone to feel alone or that they can't lean on us should they require help. Don't worry in silence. We are here to help and there isn't a problem too big or too small that we can't make that little bit easier by talking through together.

Fiona MacKenzie  
Head Teacher