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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all pupils who have logged into Google Classroom and are completing the tasks set. It is wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic! As I said last week there will be at least one task or activity each day as children and staff get used to using the platform we are using on Google. It is great to see children taking part and asking questions as they go. Staff are also learning all about using Google Classroom to share work with children, so we are all learning together! Thank you to all staff for supporting our children. If your child has not started on Google Classroom yet and you have any questions please contact the school as detailed below. We really want all children participating to help continuity of learning. Members of the Senior Management Team will telephone families next week to check if we can offer any type of support.

You can communicate with the school by using the enquiries email address at newmainsenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk. A member of the SMT will be able to respond to enquiries. If you have questions about Google Classroom you can ask them through the Google Classroom format.

We will send out any information from the school and the local authority in the following ways

- School app - jsa4.me/newmainsp
- School blog - blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/newmains
- Twitter - [@NewmainsPS](https://twitter.com/NewmainsPS)
- School text

Families who are entitled to free school meals and clothing grants will receive a payment from the local authority. I believe the first payment has already been paid to eligible families. For children in P1-P3 the payment will be made to those families who receive a clothing grant as it is based on income grounds.

As children use our Google Classrooms it is important that they follow the guidance sent out last week regarding the local authority Acceptable Usage Policy. The key points are noted below - this will ensure that our children stay safe.

- I will always be polite and will not use bad language
- I will remember that anything I do can usually be traced back to me
- I will not access, create, store or distribute files that could be thought of as offensive or indecent, or that harasses or insults others

- I will not share my personal details or any personal information about other people (home address, phone number etc) in emails, on the internet or with other people
- I will only send emails to people I know, or my teacher knows
- I will not arrange to meet other people I talk to online

Mrs Dunn has added a child friendly version of this to all on Google Classrooms.

Please get in touch through the schools enquiries email address if you have any questions.

Look after yourself, stay at home if you can and take care.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Carol Cooke". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Carol" and the last name "Cooke" written in a single continuous line.

Carol Cooke
Head Teacher