

## People Directorate

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Dear Parents/ Carers

I really do hope you are all well and coped with another week of school closures and working with remote learning in place.

I want to thank you all for the many positive messages we have received from you about the remote learning we have in place. We are all trying to keep moving forward. We know this is a very challenging time for you all, so staff appreciate this support as they are all working so hard to provide learning opportunities for their classes as well as catering for children in the Childcare Hub in our school.

As our Hub is now running well and staff are in good routines - we can allow parents/ carers to collect their children at the end of their shift even if during the school day. This will help reduce numbers in school which we need to keep as our goal for now to help suppress the spread of the virus to stay well.

### In-school provision

We continue to offer support to children of parents of key workers (criteria was shared). The government guidance states clearly that the safest place for your child for now is to be at home with an adult - even if you are working from home so please only use our hub when you have **no other alternative**. We do also have some additional children in school as vulnerable learners are included in school provision too.

### Remote Learning Devices

We surveyed to check all pupils had some access to a device and sent guidance as well as made calls to help support the use of Teams. Children can post their work to their teacher using this app or can send it in the See saw app. It's important to encourage children to return any assignments so their teacher can review it. Remember games consoles and smart tv's can also be used to access MS Teams.

If you continue to have any difficulty with Teams or your child's Glow account access then please send your child's teacher a message and we will get in touch to help.

It's important that all children check in daily on Teams/ See saw or we will be concerned. We are still following absence monitoring procedures so as always if your child is unwell and not involved in class work then let us know.

We are learning lots about Scotland for now. You may enjoy Celtic Connections <https://bit.ly/2Y6J8fz>

Once again, I thank you for everything you are able to do to support your child at home. Some days will be easier than others and some days it may feel overwhelming so put your family's wellbeing first and just do what you can. Little chunks of learning time pay off rather than hours of intense desk work so quality over quantity may be the best approach.

Best wishes and stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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