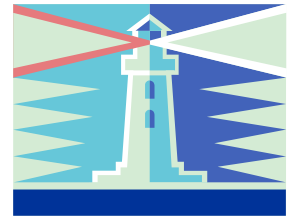


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Warm wishes to you all as we embark on a new term. We are commencing at least 3 weeks of remote learning from Monday where most pupils will be working from home supported by their family. We will be doing our best to ensure it is a manageable amount, presents enough challenge and has good variety in the tasks set.

**Home Learning from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

Prior to the holidays, we sent home resources for week 1. These were put in school bags ready for use. These are mostly off line tasks although teachers will be communicating with you when more engagement through Teams will be expected. All pupils have a plan of suggested learning for week 1 and additional tasks will be shared through Class Dojo and/or in the Teams class chat. There will be daily literacy and maths and other suggested activities. Specialist teachers will also post activities in their channels on Teams. This will be on the day they usually teach their subject at Hamnavoe.

Music Monday  
PE Wednesday  
Art Friday

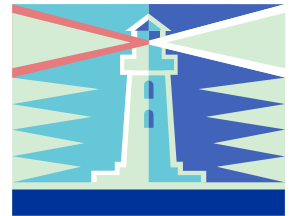
Instrumental tuition will continue to be virtual. Instructors will contact their pupils individually to set up lesson times.

**Communication between Parents and Teachers**

Class Dojo is where you can have direct contact with the class teacher via the messages function. Teachers are also available through their Glowmail. Teachers will also post help videos to support learning on Class Dojo.

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We are very conscious that many parents are trying to work from home, have family to care for and other pressures on their time. If you feel that the remote learning is putting too much pressure on you and your family please take a break. It might be worth having a conversation with the teacher about how we can adapt things so that they work better for you. We are very willing to be flexible within the arrangements.



### **Communication between Pupils and Teachers**

Pupils can communicate directly with their teacher in Teams through the chat or Glowmail their teacher. Senior pupils know how to do this. Teachers will check these regularly throughout the school day and will respond.

Pupils can complete work on paper or on a computer. Teachers will indicate what they would like to see. Anyone needing jotters etc. should get in touch, as we are aware not all classes took these home.

### **Support for on-line Learning for Parents**

Some parents may be a bit worried about their child's ability to use Glow. Please be reassured most pupils from P4 and up are quite competent. Some may need adult support to login. Help for parents is available on the Shetland Digital Hub. There are a series of tutorials that will be a great support.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/digitalschoolhub/parents-carers/digital-support-2/glow-tutorials/>

Our teachers will also post videos in Class dojo if they need pupils to upload work or use Glowmail. This will support parents to help their children if they can't remember the steps.

Pupils in P1-3 are likely to be doing more off line learning but there will be plenty activities that require a device. For example, all pupils will be using Education City and Sumdog. Passwords for both are in diaries or packs sent home as well as Glow Usernames and Passwords.

### **Pupil interaction through Teams**

We are also aware that pupils may want to keep in touch with each other so the Playground Chat channels are open. These are regularly monitored for any in-appropriate content.

### **Pupils attending school**

Pupils who are attending school will be supported to complete the set tasks for the day by the support team. Like home, they will also have time to spend playing and following their own interests while at school. They will be outdoors a lot and will need footwear and clothing for outdoors as well as trainers for the gym. Please ensure they bring all the learning resources that teachers sent home at the end of last term with them on Monday. Please be aware that school is open from 9 to 3pm. Previous arrangements for an earlier drop off are not available.

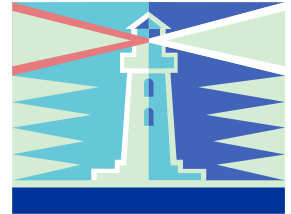
### **Poor connectivity**

Connectivity does remain an issue for some families. We may need to send out packs for week 2 and 3. If you can't get on line please let the class teacher know early in the week so that a paper pack can be made. This has to make the post on Friday at lunchtime. If you do not have a device to access digital learning please contact the school and make a request for a device. We have been asked to inform the remote learning advisor of anyone who cannot access digital learning.

### **Good Habits**

It is recommended that getting into good habits from Monday would be advantageous to your child. Please try and do a little bit of learning every day, breaking it into small chunks of time. The expected return to school date of 1<sup>st</sup> February will be reviewed by the Scottish Government on 18<sup>th</sup> January. Remote learning period could be extended given the prevalence of the virus at this time.

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**Wider Achievements**

Finally, we will be celebrating Wider Achievements on Friday. I am certain that there will be lots of other learning happening. So please let us know about your child's successes. As usual this will be posted on Class Dojo.

We will endeavour to have good communication with you throughout the coming weeks. Please get in touch if there is anything further we can do to support you.

Best regards,

Helen Robertson