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Dear Parents/Carers,

Myself and all school staff would like to welcome you back to a new term. We hope you are all well and keeping safe at this concerning time. As the Covid-19 situation continues to present challenges we return to remote learning for our pupils from Monday 11th till Friday 29th January.

We appreciate that parents may be juggling work and supporting children's' learning so we do not expect children to be working in the same way they would on a normal school day. As this situation continues it becomes increasingly important that we focus on core literacy and numeracy skills if time is short. Health and wellbeing is a priority for all of us at present and we encourage you to take opportunities for outdoor activities and relaxation breaks in the course of the day. From discussion with the teachers, I am aware of some of the super plans they have to provide engaging and varied activities to ensure pupils are busy, happy and learning.

From Monday 11th January till Friday 29th January, a range of activities will be provided via the **class blogs on the school website and there will also be packs available to pick up from school. Packs will be available for all pupils in the school porch for collection from 9.45am till the end of the school day on Monday 11th.** We hope this will provide a variety of online and offline learning opportunities to suit different circumstances. Further instructions from the teachers will be in the packs.

For P5-7 learning materials are in trays marked with pupil's names. Some of the instructions and activities referred to on the blog for P5-7 will need materials from the trays. Please bring a homework folder or bag to take home these materials and leave the trays in the porch. Sending work back by, taking photos or emailing messages to teachers lets them know how activities went and creates good opportunities for feedback which in turn helps to motivate pupils so we look forward to hearing from you and seeing all the great things you are doing. Please keep reading books and paper copies of completed work at home for the time being. We are all here to support you so please don't hesitate to get in touch if any aspect of remote learning is not working for you.



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I will be based at Happyhansel during this time so you can contact me on 807450 or email myself elizabeth.garrick@shetland.gov.uk or the class teachers via the contact details in the packs.

We are in an unprecedented situation and we appreciate everything you are doing to support your children's learning. Being at home with you at this time will be providing additional learning experiences to the usual school environment so enjoy learning together and stay safe.

Best Regards,

Elizabeth



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