



Shetland Islands Council



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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to thank you all for your support so far this term. Our pupils have made a positive start to remote learning.

School staff are continuing to plan learning for pupils this term and we would ask that you carefully read the information below.

Important guidance about returning some resources to school this week and collection of new resources

On Thursday 21st January, we will put two boxes in the 'bike shed' area at school one box for P1-3 and one box for P4-7. Please carefully read the guidance below about the resources in your child's learning pack that we need to be returned to school. **Please use the hand sanitiser available before putting items in these boxes.**

The same guidance applies for the updated resources that will be available for parents/carers of all pupils to pick up from the boxes on Friday 22 January after 1pm. If you are unable to return resources or to pick up new resources, please get in touch with me at school.

For pupils in P1-3, we will also put out a small selection of PE equipment to support the activities in Mr Murdock's learning grid. Please feel free to take one of these items per child on Friday 22nd January, if you do not have the resources your child needs at home.

Updating Home Learning Packs for P1-3 pupils

Pupils in classes P1-3 received a paper pack at the end of last term. We need to update this pack.

Please return the resources listed below:

- Reading books and comprehension booklets
- Maths booklets
- Jolly Phonics booklets

Please keep the following resources:

- Tools for learning e.g. scissors, glue, pencils etc.
- Number Notion Packs (Foundation and Fruit packs)
- Practical resources e.g. cubes, whiteboards

- Jotters
- Fun Phonics books/Key Phonics books
- Laminated word lists

A weekly learning grid for pupils in P1-3 will continue to be shared digitally with you through the school website. The tasks will need to be completed by Friday if possible. Your child has two jotters, one for literacy and one for numeracy in their home learning pack. Please continue to use these jotters to record work. Where there is a task that is to be sent back to school this can be either a photograph of your child's work or a word document sent via our glow email addresses. Please put your child's name in the file name of any word documents. If you wish to use your child's glow email address to return work to us, please use the following link outlook.office.com to log in to their email.

The link below will take you straight to class's work tasks.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/ollaberryprimaryschool/homework/p1-3/>

Please use our glow email addresses gw08mcginlayjulia@glow.sch.uk or gw14dobbynemary@glow.sch.uk to return work tasks and to let us know how you are getting on. Remember we are here to help!

Information for P4-7 pupils

Please keep the following resources:

- Jotters
- German folders
- Practical resources
- Unfinished reading books at home, along with any information from the packs you still need

With the majority of the P4-7 work now being provided online during Remote Learning, we are sending home a maths jotter, handwriting jotter and reading books. Please continue to encourage your child(ren) to read their reading books at home according to the reading plan they received. Pupils who require a new book in the next few weeks have received information in the pack about pages to read. Pupils who started larger books this term will receive more information by email about when to start their new books and what to read when appropriate. If you would like to return any completed work please drop this in the P4-7 box on Thursday 21st January.

Please see the link below to access support for using Glow.

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

Occasional Holiday

I would like to remind everyone that Wednesday 27th January is an occasional holiday.

Staffing

I am delighted to let you know Mrs Lindsey Stephen will be covering the post of Clerical Assistant during terms 3 and 4.

Early Help Team

Sandra Summers from the Early Help Team has been in touch with us again to let us know about the support available to families at this time. The Early Help Team can provide food parcels for families including store cupboard staples and fresh food. Families do not need to be in receipt of free school meals to access this support. We are happy to request food parcels on behalf of any family in need or you can also get in touch with Sandra directly on 01595 745242/745246 or by email anchor@shetland.gov.uk

I have attached an information leaflet about the other types of support available from the Early Help Team.

Communication

I appreciate this is a challenging time for everyone and we are keen to support families whenever possible. I encourage you to get in touch with me at school if you have queries regarding any of the information above.

Kind regards

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