



Education Resources
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Dear Parent, Carer and Friends of Kirkton,

Thank you to all members of our community who have supported us over the past few weeks. Your kind words and optimism has really made a difference to the whole team.

It is clear things are going to be different for a period of time and as I write this letter, I have no idea on when things will return to some degree of normality.

Staff have worked hard over the past few days creating home learning packs for each pupil within the school. This pack initially contains work for 4 weeks (2 weeks before the Easter Holidays and 2 weeks after). We have also been trialling Google Classroom and hope to utilise this to the best of our abilities whilst children are not in school.

Work will be uploaded to our school website, twitter and our app on a weekly basis, we will also email information out to parents if possible.

We have created a dedicated email address, which parents can use during this period in case of any emergency. gw20slckirkton@glow.sch.uk we will monitor this during normal working hours and get back to parents as soon as possible.

We will post updates on the current situation whenever we can, and we would be obliged if you would not use this email address for this purpose.

On Friday, SLC announced its intention that **all SLC schools and nurseries** will open **normal hours (9.00am-3.00pm)** for **children of Category 1 key workers (see list below)**.

Children of Category 1 key workers should go to their usual entrance at 9.00am.

The school will also be open during lunch **(12.15-1.00pm)** for **children eligible for free school meals (this includes all P1-3 pupils)**.

Category 1 key workers (as identified by Scottish Government)

Health and Care workers supporting COVID and associated staff;
Health and Care workers supporting life threatening emergency work
Critical primary and community care provision;
Energy suppliers; staff providing childcare for other category staff

SLC Clarification if there is a parent within the household who is **NOT** a Category 1 worker then children should remain home with them and not attend school. Category 1 does **NOT** include all NHS Staff.

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Consideration for staff who fall under categories 2-3 will be taken in due course

Category 2 (as identified by Scottish Government)

All other Health and Care workers

Wider public sector workers providing emergency/critical welfare services (e.g. Fire, Police, Prisons, Social Workers, etc.),

Staff supporting our Critical National Infrastructure.

Category 3 (as identified by Scottish Government) All workers without whom there could be a significant impact on Scotland (but where the response to Covid-19, or the ability to perform essential tasks to keep the country running, would not be severely compromised). Further details on this category is expected to be clarified in due course.

As a school and community, we are unsure of when things will return to normal and we will take our lead from South Lanarkshire Council and Scottish Government.

In the meantime, at Kirkton we believe this is very true. We have 2 weeks until the holidays, then we will see where we are and we will update any arrangements as we go. We all want to make the best of this situation. Remember we are a family- keep it calm, keep it fun- learning takes lots of forms.

Many thanks for your support at this very unsettled time. Stay safe and we will see you all soon.

Kind Regards



Mrs L Brennan and everyone at Kirkton Primary

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