Blackburn Primary School

Hopefield Nursery Class

Newsletter

March 2020

**Letter for early years and primary**

Dear Parent/Carer

As we enter a period of school closures, the following arrangements are in place to ensure that your child’s learning can continue throughout this time. The key source of learning will be using online platforms (virtual learning environment) however alternative arrangements have been made for pupils for whom online learning is not suitable.

For children attending the nursery, suggested learning experiences that can be completed within the home will be provided on the school/nursery blog which can be found on <https://blackburnprimary.westlothian.org.uk/> via the blog tab and twitter @wlBlackburnPS

For children in P1-P3, teachers will provide a set of appropriate learning experiences that can be completed at home. These will be shared through our school blog which can be found on <https://blackburnprimary.westlothian.org.uk/> via the blog tab. Your child has been provided with a pack of resources, jotter, pencil etc. to record their learning and there will be an opportunity for them to share this when they return to school.

Children in P4-P7 are part of their class Microsoft 0365 Team, which can be accessed through their Glow account. Your child requires their Glow username and password to access their Team, and they are familiar with how to use this platform. Information for parents on how their child uses Teams is available at [bit.ly/wlglowguide](http://bit.ly/wlglowguide)

It is expected that your child accesses their Team daily to engage with the learning experiences being provided by their teacher. The platform provides a function for your child to share their learning with their teacher and receive feedback where appropriate and support where required.

**The use of Teams for communication is for learning purposes only between staff and pupils and ensures the safety of all users.** Parents / Carers who have any questions or require further information re Teams should use the following contact details: stephen.riding@westlothian.org.uk Our school team will continue to provide all available support to your child and family where we can during this challenging period.

The spread of the coronavirus has resulted in extraordinary circumstances that we have not experienced in our life time and we are all under exceptional stress and pressure as we face the uncertainty of the impact that the Coronavirus will have on us all. Please note that as we go through the next few months you will be in our hearts and minds and we hope that your loved ones remain safe and well. However we need you to know, however challenging this week has been we are in awe by the strength and resolve of the people around us, the way staff and families have rallied and the generosity of our families and staff.

Please remember we need to remain strong for our children, families and our most vulnerable loved ones and support each other, and if we do, we will overcome this. To staff, pupils and families of Blackburn Primary School and Hopefield Nursery please stay safe and take care of each other and know that you will be in our thoughts through this difficult time.

Kind regards

Miss Clarkson and Mrs McCarney

Head Teacher and Principal Teacher