



24th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have just finished our first week back of Term 4. I know it is not what we originally envisaged our last term to be like but I hope for all of you and your children it was a good week.

The staff and myself managed to get to grips with the technology and had a few virtual meetings to iron out the plans so I want to share the main points with you as well as reassure you that we are still here and if you need help please get in touch through the school office.

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We are still your child's teacher even though we do not see them every school day. No child will be ahead and no child will fall behind during this crisis. When we eventually get back to school, it is our job to get things sorted out and to pick up the pieces. It is what we are good at and what we love to do.

What we can't do is to ensure your child's mental wellbeing is good during this period of crisis. That is the most important thing and should be your main focus. Every family situation is different as is every child so do what works for you and your child. The learning posted is meant to help, not overwhelm. Some children will power through it looking for more and others may do very little. As long as we are doing our best that is all anyone can ask of us.

We are committed to maintaining the provision of home learning opportunities as well as continuing to consider ways to maintain connection with the school.

Learning Experiences

- *Windows Into Learning* – are now posted on the school blog and give an overview for each stage and the expected learning for this term.
- *P1-7* will receive a **weekly learning grid** and the resources required. These will be posted on the school blog and on Teams (P4-7 only) for the start of each week.



Additional work for those that want it will be posted alongside the weekly learning grids.

- *P4-7 will continue to use Teams to access learning. Teachers will be online from 10am -12 noon each day to help any child with questions. Answers will be posted on Teams and each Friday they will share their learning.*
- *Examples of learning will be shared on the school blog and Twitter each week. Please get in touch with us and let us know what you have done so we can share it and inspire others. Please also remember that in a time of uncertainty and unprecedented challenge, any and all learning is valuable, whether this is work set by your child's teacher or experiences they have at home or whilst playing.*

Reports

We are currently working on your child's report and we hope to have them with you in some form near the end of this term.

Contact

Staff will be in contact with your child online but they can also get in touch with you via email and the phone if necessary.

Access to IT

If you have any issues with accessing IT, particularly for children in P4-7, please contact the school mailbox.

Free School Meals

A reminder that there are hot and cold school lunches available for pick up at numerous locations across West Lothian. Our nearest pick up point is Harraymuir. Any family who is struggling can go and collect a packed lunch and breakfast bars for their children between 12 and 2pm daily. You do not need to be registered for Free School Meals. No child should go hungry during this time.

Finally, as we see the numbers of recorded deaths plateau and perhaps start to go down we can be encouraged that we will eventually be back at school and can pick up the pieces of our lives. It is that hope that we will hold on to. If I can be of any further help please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards

Mrs Mill