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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your families are all safe and well. These are uncertain times and as we come towards the end of our second week of school & nursery closure, I wanted to reflect on the last 2 weeks.

Our school is open for distributing lunches and I want to take this opportunity to thank staff for volunteering to support with this and ensuring children receive meals every day. Some staff have also been volunteering in Key Worker Hubs to ensure key worker children are safe and supported during the day and thanks go to them.

We have all – staff, parents/carers and children – had to get used to learning through GLOW Teams and our Blog. This has taken time and I know that children have been frustrated when they have been unable to access their learning on Teams. This issue is no doubt due to the large numbers of people across the world who are all trying to use Teams at the same time! To make things a bit easier, teachers have also been sharing learning activities you can do at home on our Blog, <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/riversideprimary/>

and I would encourage you to check this if Teams is not working. For our Nursery pupils, family learning activities can be found at the following Blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/snonursery/>

It seems strange to think that we are coming towards the start of our Easter Break. While some of our staff will continue to volunteer in Key Worker Hubs and in the school providing lunches, others will be taking a break from work and therefore they will not be engaging with Teams or posting learning activities on our Blogs for the next fortnight. If however you still wish your children to keep up a learning routine, there are other activities that can be found on the Blog along with a list of websites to support you and your children. Class teachers will begin posting specific learning activities on Teams and the Blog from Tuesday 21st April.

If you need to get in contact with the school please email directly at wlriverside-ps@westlothian.org.uk and we will try to get back to you as soon as we can. Please do not phone as the school office is not manned at this time.

Until then, I hope that you all have an opportunity to have some quality time with your families. For those of you who are Key Workers, thank you for your continued hard work – it is very much appreciated!

Stay safe and thank you,

Fiona MacPhail, Headteacher