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Principal: Mrs. M. Martin

Friday 29th January 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Firstly, as a staff, we would like to commend you all for your hard work, effort and dedication over the past four weeks with your child/ren's home schooling. We appreciate everything you are doing to ensure continuity of learning for all our pupils.

Online Learning

As you will all be aware, we will be continuing with online learning, following the advice from the Education Minister and the Stormont Executives. At present, school closures have been extended up to and including Friday 5th March, although this will be reviewed again before then.

We will be continuing to use our online learning platform, Google Classroom. Parents are asked to ensure their child logs in daily, if possible, through MySchool or using the GC app. If your child is unable to log in or complete their assigned tasks on a particular day, please email your child's class teacher so that they are aware not to expect work to be 'Handed in'. We really appreciate your support with this.

Daily lessons will be posted by class teachers; Phonics, Reading, Mental Maths, Numeracy & Literacy. Children will also receive other curriculum activities throughout the week.

P3-7 pupils are encouraged to access Accelerated Reader from home and continue to quiz. Newsdesk (P5-7) and Junior Newsdesk (P3-4) are also available through MySchool.

Parents are asked to please check the comments posted on GC, to other children and staff, by their children regularly.

As we have said before, children respond well to structure and routine, however, we do understand the pressures of home life and only expect you to do what is manageable within your own circumstances at present. If for any reason your child/ren are unable to access CG on daily basis please contact the class teacher to see if we can assist in any other way. Never be afraid to ask for help, we are more than happy to answer your questions and support you as best we can.

Home Learning Packs

Home learning packs will be available to collect from school on Monday 1st February. These will cover work for 2 ½ weeks (1st - 17th Feb) up to the beginning of Midterm Break. Our planned Midterm Break is Thursday 18th - Tuesday 23rd February inclusive. Work will be assigned daily on Google classroom to complement the work in home learning packs. Please ensure work is only

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completed from the pack on the day it is assigned by the teacher on GC. Teachers will continue to support your child's learning as best they can.

Please remember life skills, social skills and personal development are huge areas of the curriculum which you can teach through practical tasks.

Collection times as follows:

Surname A-G: 10.00-10.15am

Surname H-M: 10.20 - 10.35am

Surname Mc: 10.40 - 10.55am

Surname N-Z: 11.00 - 11.15am

Vulnerable children and children of key workers attending school will receive their packs on Monday.

Supervised Learning

School will open for supervised learning for vulnerable children and the children of keyworkers from Monday 1st February again.

Please ensure you have downloaded 'SchoolsNI' app to receive notifications of updates on our school website.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. We are all in this together, and will come through this stronger as a school community. Please remember our children's happiness is the most important thing for us all.

Yours sincerely,

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