

Education Resources Executive Director Tony McDaid Cairns Primary School

11th January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all well. I know many of you are feeling anxious about the next few weeks ahead. These are very challenging times for us all, especially families, and we will be here to support as much as we can.

We are so sorry we cannot welcome all our children back to school following the Christmas break - we miss them and hope we can have everyone back as soon as possible.

Until then we will be providing online learning from today, 11th January. You will have received a letter from me last week outlining the online support our staff will be giving to pupils. In addition to this, staff will have a check in and check out with their classes at the beginning and end of each day.

We understand every family's circumstances are different. Our Google classroom activities will be there for everyone to do when it suits their families. Our online sessions, where children can interact with their teacher will happen twice every day, however parents and pupils can use the private message chat on google classroom to ask any questions of their teacher. Home learning can also take place in many ways and often pupils will gain lots of life skills and experience from the various activities they will do with



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their families at this time. Please feel free to share this with your teacher and the school as we would love to see what our children are doing, however, there is no pressure to do this. We know how difficult this situation is, and we know you are as keen as we are to support your children and all aspects of their well-being at this time.

You and your children were wonderful during our last closure. Your care and efforts for your children, and their resilience, was amazing. We can get through this together and hopefully keep each other safe and well.

I will be in touch with you regularly and look forward to hearing from you. .

Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards

Helen Gillan

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