



Education Resources
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Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you have all had an enjoyable, peaceful and healthy Christmas break. This is not the start to the new year we had hoped for, however, we will be working hard to ensure your children receive the best educational experience possible during this lockdown period.

The First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, has stressed that this time is a very worrying and difficult time for the country. Covid cases are rising and the pressure on the NHS is ever increasing. The best way we can help to fight this pandemic is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. I would urge everyone to follow this advice and I would strongly advise working parents and carers to seek to work from home where possible. If you are able to work from home, your child should also be at home with you. No one wants to put their child's, or their own, health at risk. We understand how difficult it is for some families at this time, however we would urge you to adhere to these rules and stay home and stay safe so we can get this virus under control and regain some of the normality back to our lives as soon as possible.

Earlier in the session we distributed our online and readiness to learn from home guidance for parents. Here is a brief summary of what parents and pupils can expect from our school over these coming weeks.

Online learning

All pupils will have work provided via their Google Classroom. This is the same platform we have been using for home learning since last year. All our pupils were given login details to access this.

Your child's class teacher will post literacy and maths tasks daily in your child's group folders. Some of the work will be new concepts and some will revise and revisit prior learning. Tasks will be differentiated depending on the group they work in, so it is a suitable level for your child.



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Work will be in various forms e.g. worksheets, online activities, games, challenges, quizzes. Video support may also be posted to help with new learning. Teachers will also post tasks related to other curricular areas such as Health and Wellbeing or Social Studies (class topic).

Your child's class teacher will be online for 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon. This allows you and your child to ask any questions and communicate directly with the teacher. Your child's teacher will post the times they will be online on their Google classroom so you can access this. You can upload any work your child completes in to their folder and can record work in the jotter provided in the resource pack. Your child's class teacher will also keep in touch via a phone call once a fortnight to speak to your child.

All pupils were provided with a home learning pack at the end of December. If you have not got a pack because your child was absent, please note the following times when these can be collected over the next couple of days.

Thursday 7th and Friday 8th January

9.30am -10.30am	Nursery/P1L/ P1M/ P2 pupil packs out for collection
10.45am-11.45am	P2/3/ P3/ P4 pupil packs out for collection
12.00pm-1.00pm	P4/5/ P5/ P6 pupil packs out for collection
1.15pm- 2.15pm	P7M /P7B/ASN pupil packs out for collection

All staff have been working hard to support the online provision of work as well as plan at short notice for the child care of key workers and vulnerable pupils. All staff are involved in all aspects of this provision and I would like to thank them for their hard work and support at this time.

Most pupils have had quite a bit of experience in school of accessing online resources and activities etc, however, if you require any support with your child's online learning you can post on your child's google classroom, phone the school at 0141 641 2218 or email at gw20slccairnspshw@glow.sch.uk .

We will work together, as we always do, here at Cairns Primary to ensure we are doing our very best for our pupils, parents and staff.

I hope you are all well and manage to stay safe during this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the school if you require support, help or advice.

Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards
Helen Gillan
Head Teacher



Stopping the spread
starts with all of us.