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Dear Parent/Carer

LEARNING FROM HOME

As we prepare for school closure, we would like to share our plans for supporting your child's learning at home. To provide learning up to the Easter holidays, each class teacher has prepared home learning packs and/or put in place arrangements to provide learning via email, GLOW groups or Microsoft Teams. If your child is self-isolating or absent for other reasons, please make arrangements with the school office to pick up a home learning pack. If there are any questions about the learning packs or issues with accessing online based learning, please contact the school and we will put you in touch with your child's class teacher.

After the holidays, we will move towards a consistent approach across the school to provide and support new learning. Next week, teachers will decide on the best platform for setting learning tasks, when they will be set and the amount of work that will be provided. This will be communicated with you in due course. We are mindful of the different home learning circumstances that pupils will experience and we will plan to provide activities that are manageable and realistic whilst continuing to progress learning. All individual family circumstances are unique and we recognise the difficulties some of you may be facing including caring for ill relatives, working from home, caring for dependents, self-isolating etc. Therefore, learning opportunities will be offered and parents/carers can choose how much you wish your child to do. A mixture of activities will be provided including online-based/ active/ independent/ learning with an adult, to suit all circumstances at home. We also appreciate that there are many opportunities for learning through play, reading together, every-day family activities such as cooking and exploring outdoors. We would like to thank you in advance for supporting your child's learning at home.

When we return to school, we will celebrate the work children have done at home and if they choose to share their home learning, they will be encouraged and supported. However, there will be no expectation for this to happen. I hope that you will also understand that although work will be acknowledged, teachers will be unable to check and mark all work undertaken at home due to the unknown length of school closure.



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As this is an evolving situation, and as we respond to guidance from the Scottish Government and Dumfries and Galloway council, plans may change and we will strive to keep you informed. We look forward to welcoming your child back into school as soon as we are able to re-open.

Yours faithfully

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