

Education Resources Executive Director Tony McDaid High Mill Primary School Head Teacher: Kirstine McDonald

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Dear Parent

Provision for Learning at Home and Online

Teachers have been preparing learning activities for children to undertake if the school closes. These are a combination of active, online and paper based experiences. They will look different from class to class based on the age and stage of your children.

Our teachers and support staff have worked tirelessly to plan for your child, and I couldn't be more proud of their dedication to our children nor more thankful for their support to me in preparing for the uncertainty we face. It is impossible to replicate the learning and teaching which takes place in classes every day.

Your child will be given a pack to bring home. If your child is currently absent, please collect the pack from the office. They be available from **10am on Thursday 19th March 2020. If you are self-isolating, please contact us and we can make arrangements for delivery.** This ensures no child misses out.

Your child's pack contains an overview of the learning, paper based tasks and details of websites to be used. Teachers have also provided jotters and workbooks where children can record their learning. Please do not worry about which jotters are used. Children have a note of their passwords for Glow and Sum Dog. Children using IDL also have their passwords and should continue to use this resource (you will know if your child uses this).

All children can download Office 365 on up to 15 devices from Glow. This includes PCs, tablets, laptops and phones (Apple and Android).

We are working to have links to online learning loaded onto the website, the school app and Twitter. This may take some time. If you don't already, I urge you to follow us on Twitter and to download the School App (information attached) as this helps us to share information quickly and with a wide audience.

Class teachers are happy to be contacted via email with any concerns about learning and to help with resetting passwords. A list of email addresses is below:

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While we are at the early stages of using Google Classroom, this will be used as the main tool for providing details of further learning experiences. We ask for your patience while staff are becoming more familiar with this platform.

In supporting families, Mrs Naismith and I are also available to answer any concerns regarding wellbeing or family circumstances. Our email addresses are:

Mrs Naismith	gw07naismithheath01@glow.sch.uk
Miss McDonald	headteacher@highmill-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

Please note that this information is subject to change due to the evolving nature of the situation.

Your co-operation is appreciated. As always the wellbeing of the children, staff and our community is my priority.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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