



Education Resources
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Dear Parent/Carer

Phased Return/Online Learning

I am delighted to report that the phased return for our nursery and P1-3 children has gone extremely well. We were all so excited to see the children on Monday morning and we are all so proud of how well they have settled back into routines and reconnected with both their peers and their learning. It is so nice to have a buzz around the school and playroom again and we look forward to welcoming back our P4-7 children when we have been given permission to do so.

Over the past week, over 85% of our P4-7 children who continue to learn at home have engaged with Google Classroom and posted up work, with a whopping 96% in our P7 class! It is so important that all of our children log on, engage and upload the work that they have done every day. The activities that the teachers are providing focus on new and progressive learning and they want to be able to check the children's level of understanding before moving on. Our P7s also now have the opportunity to complete a range of tasks that have been provided by the different departments at Calderside Academy as they begin to prepare for their transition in August. The feedback on these has been extremely positive so far, so we really welcome this partnership working during these challenging times.

Thank you to all our children who completed a recent Google Form to give us feedback on our online learning. Out of 107 responses, 91% of children said that they enjoyed the home learning activities set by their class teacher. We will continue to look at the children's suggestions to make things better. In response to some of these, there will be a quiz and some art activities planned as part of World Book Day which will be on Thursday (4th March) of next week, so please look out for these.

Our Google Meets remain a popular time of the week for many children. Last week, over 70% across the whole school joined in the 2 meetings that had been arranged with their class teacher and their named support assistant, including an amazing 83% in our P1/2 and P7 classes. Again, attendance at these meetings is really important since teachers are using these sessions to introduce new learning to the children. They are also a useful way of ensuring that the children remain connected both with one another and with the staff who are normally in their class in school.

Our school hub for families of keyworkers who involved in the critical response to Covid and who require emergency childcare to allow them to attend work continues to operate for our P4-7 children whilst our P1-3s have returned to their classes. If you wish to apply for a place, please access the link below or look at the link that has been posted on our school app. Remember that both parents/carers need to be keyworkers (or one parent for a single parent family) in order to be able to

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qualify for a place and that children should only attend on days when their parents are working and have no other childcare available to them. If you are a keyworker and you are working from home, your child is expected to be at home with you.

<https://forms.gle/UUVSfWQKHdtyKtk46>

If you have any problems accessing Google Classroom from home, please email Miss Lattimer (Acting Depute Head Teacher) and she will do her best to help (gw07lattimerjennifer@glow.sch.uk). We also still have a few devices that we are able to loan out to families to support them with learning at home. Please either phone or email Miss Lattimer if this is something that you require.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns in relation to your personal family circumstances, please do not hesitate to contact me by either phoning the school (01698 823680) or by emailing me directly (gw14dlmpsht@glow.sch.uk).

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding during this unprecedented time. I am confident that good times are looming, so hopefully it will not be too long before our whole school community is back together again. As a school, we will continue to post regular updates on our school website, app and Twitter, so remember to look out for these. Nursery parents/carers will also receive information on their child's Learning Journal.

Take care and keep safe. Remember that there are sunnier times ahead for all of us!

Yours sincerely

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