



Parent Information Sheet
Friday 8th January 2021



Welcome Back

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and I'd like to welcome you all back to the beginning of a new term! What a beginning it has been! I know that it is disappointing and challenging for many of us to be back in this position of Remote Learning. It seemed as though we were just getting used to being back in school together, and now we must all readjust to being separated again and pupils working from home. I know that this will be such a challenge for some of our children and indeed some of our parents. I hope that as a staff, we can support you all as much as possible.

We have had a long period of uncertainty, with changes happening day by day. We too are finding things difficult, not being able to lead our parents and pupils through these changes, in a way we are used to doing. We want to reassure you that the pupils are very much in the forefront of our thoughts! I really hope that we can all work together to maintain a sense of school community throughout this period of Remote Learning and I would really appreciate it if the pupils could send me some photographs, once in a while, of the little things they are doing while at home, so that I can share them with the school community. Email at: info@glencraigps.hollywood.ni.sch.uk

Remote Learning

Staff will be delivering Remote Learning in line with our Remote Learning Policy. This can be found on the school website. Please bear with us as we readjust into this structure again. It takes time for us all. I would like to make a gentle request that parents try to keep their dojos and emails to staff, within the confines of the school working hours. (8.30AM- 4.00PM). I also want to highlight that any videos posted by staff on Dojo are the property of the teacher and therefore should not be shared with others. Thank you for your support in this.

Key Worker Provision

Successful applications for Key Worker Provision have been contacted. A booking form will be sent via Dojo to parents on a Wednesday and this needs to be completed on a weekly basis and submitted before 12noon each Friday. While in school pupils and staff will continue to follow the PHA guidelines and school procedures on health, respiratory hygiene and social distancing. Pupils will be placed in bubbles. There can be no mixing of bubbles and once placed in a bubble a pupil cannot be moved. Pupils may be placed in different bubbles to their friends or peers. In the unfortunate event of a positive case of Covid, among staff or pupils, impacted bubbles will be closed. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell, or displaying Covid symptoms. If your child displays symptoms, please contact PHA directly on: 0300 555 0114

Acting Principal

The last couple of weeks has seen many changes and upheavals in our daily lives. In order to manage the circumstances that we now find ourselves in, to the best of my ability and for the benefit of the entire school community, the Governors have agreed that I will be taking on the role of Acting Principal in a full time capacity. Mr Wyatt will capably be stepping into the role as Primary Seven teacher in the interim. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if there is anything you require. I thank you so much for all of your support so far and I many well wished that I have received. Together, as a school community, we will soon adapt to these changes and find our way through in true Glencraig style!

Exciting News

Reading Eggs is now ours, thanks to the PTA and school community! We are hoping that this will be set up and launched over the next few weeks, so keep an eye out for further information and details on Class Dojo!

Take care and stay safe,

E. Finlay

Acting Principal