Dunard Primary School and Nursery Class

Dear Parents/Carers,



To all of our Parents/Carers, firstly, and most importantly, I hope that you are all well. The most important advice for everyone is to be calm, happy and safe. There is **no pressure** from school. That is absolutely the last thing that families need just now. Do what you can. We are here if you need us. Enjoy having your child (ren) at home and settling into a new routine.

Most children took home their home learning packs last week. These should keep our children busy for a week or two. Your child will begin to receive regular work/updates from their teacher via GLOW, an online educator's platform, up until the 3rd of April. This is just to try and get everyone used to elearning, so no pressure. If you can't access, don't worry. Please email or call the school. We will try to help you. I have a second copy of passwords for anyone who has lost them.

We will hopefully provide more structured ideas to help with learning at home from the 20th April. Some Parents/Carers are worried about Microsoft Teams, please don't. All teachers are sending everything via GLOW email at the moment, so no child will be disadvantaged or left out. Some teachers are exploring Microsoft Teams as a good distance learning platform. If we decide to move towards this as a school, I will send out the official step by step instructions, similar to the guidance below.

I know that you will be anxious. We only want the best for our whole community. Our thoughts and best wishes are with everyone. Take good care of yourself.

Warmest wishes

Annemarie Connolly Head Teacher

Free Meal Entitlement Contingency Plans during school closures

Our parents and carers whose children and young people are currently entitled to and in receipt of footwear and clothing grants and/or free school meals will be receiving information this week about the contingency plans in place to help replace free meal entitlement while pupils are not attending school. We are using the clothing grant and/or free school meals' data as this involves a larger number of families who will receive this support.

Letters are being posted out, directly to home addresses with a £20 pre-paid Farmfoods card that can be used to buy food at stores across the city - click here to find your nearest store https://www.farmfoods.co.uk/store-finder.php

£20 will then be uploaded every two weeks to the cards for each Glasgow primary and secondary pupil in a family who currently receive a footwear and clothing grant and/or free school meals. Please hold on to the card - each card has a serial number on it which will be matched to the addressee - and we plan to top up the cards on the following dates:

• 13 April • 27 April • 11 May • 25 May • 8 June

Any lost/damaged cards should be reported to EducationCommunications@glasgow.gov.uk. The card will then be cancelled before another one would be sent out.

• Read our Farmfood cards frequently asked questions [237kb].