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Hello everyone

Firstly, I hope this finds you all well and managing everything in the current circumstances we all find ourselves in.

Over the course of this first week of “strangeness” I’ve been so encouraged by the togetherness of our Broomhill Community. The community, albeit now more or less completely online has really been working well together, communicating and supporting one another.

Our learners have engaged well with Google Classroom and have been taking part in activities and uploading photographs, commenting and sharing their learning. This way of working is new for many of us, I’m learning lots about the Google Classroom environment and for many of our staff this has been a steep, quick learning curve! For many of our younger pupils, this is also very new, but the evidence on the screen suggests that everyone is coping brilliantly.

Usually at this time of year we would be looking forward to slowing down and enjoying our Easter holidays. Easter will be very different this year, and the majority of teaching staff across the city will be taking a break from work, albeit definitely staying at home. However, some of our staff will be continuing to support the Emergency Childcare arrangements for Key Workers across our city. Broomhill has had a high percentage of staff supporting young people in this situation and some will continue to be part of this rota across the holiday period.

I am tremendously proud of our Broomhill Team and we’ve received some lovely supportive and very appreciative messages from parents and carers. These are very much appreciated by us all. Thank you.

This is a challenging time for everyone and over the last week, within my own family circumstances, I’m reminded of the juggling task that parents are continually carrying out. So, please don’t worry if you don’t manage to get through all of the tasks set by your child’s teacher. In the Reid household, we’ve been struggling to balance everything! Your own health and well-being is the most important thing at the moment and for some, that means routines and hanging on to some form of normality, for others that can mean taking a step back from the pressures of this current situation and spending time with family doing something different. Whilst wishing to ensure that your child’s learning is ongoing, we also want to ensure that everyone is staying healthy; mentally and physically. Google Classroom gives us a good platform to check in with everyone and in addition to this, we will endeavour to call you at home when we can. Please, where possible, encourage your child to make at least one comment per day within the Google Classroom environment – just so we know everyone is ok! I’ve also uploaded onto our website some useful telephone numbers where support can be accessed by parents/carers when needed. When we haven’t had contact from pupils, we will give you a call to check-in.

Our Twitter feed has been as active as always, with many of you posting photographs using this platform. We are also using this to retweet important ACC or Scottish Government information, where appropriate. @SchoolBroomhill

Our Broomhill email address continues to be monitored daily and if you have any difficulties or questions someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please take care of yourselves, stay healthy, stay safe and stay at home! 😊

Mrs Dawn Reid
Head Teacher