

15th January 2021



I hope that despite the increased restrictions over the festive period, everyone was able to enjoy the holiday and may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year!

It's definitely not the start to 2021 that we were hoping for but as always, I'm confident that our team will pull together and continue to work hard for our learners to ensure that we can do our best for them during this next period of challenge.

This week has seen a really positive start to the Online Learning experience with engagement across the school above 90% each day. This is really encouraging as I know that it can be really difficult for families to keep everything going. It's important that pupils engage with the Google Classroom each day and to do what they can. We appreciate that each household is dealing with any number of challenges and again we encourage you to do what you can. This time round, there is a greater focus on engagement in learning and it's vitally important that we see the pupils engaging in the Google Classroom if only to complete one task. This is how we monitor attendance and anyone who hasn't engaged has to be followed up in the same way we follow up physical attendance in school. Mrs Turner will send a Groupcall text each day if we haven't seen your child in the classroom, please reply to this text so we can offer any support needed to help them make the most of the learning opportunities on offer. If your child is unwell and unable to complete the learning at home, please also let us know as you would if they were physically in the school building.

We've updated our website to bring together all the advice and 'How To' videos to support you with Google Classroom in one place. <https://broomhill.aberdeen.sch.uk/support-for-families-during-school-closures/google-classroom-help/> Miss Aitken is our resident Digital Champion and our go-to person for help and assistance and there are videos on the website which may be helpful.

A tip from Miss Aitken: *If you have to request permission to access any videos, documents etc within your child's Google Classroom it is likely that you are trying to access these through a different G Suite account. We are unable to grant access to resources coming from parent accounts or siblings.*

Should you have difficulties accessing your child's account, please contact the class teacher in the first instance.

Scottish Learning



At this time of year we look forward to our Burns Federation Poetry competition and this year is no different. The poems have been posted in the Google Classrooms and the pupils have been asked to upload a video of themselves reciting the poem (remember, it has to be memorised if possible). Two winners will then be selected from each class and will receive a Burns Federation Certificate, these poems will be shared during a Scottish Online Assembly later this month. This is always a popular activity and we hope that as many children as possible will still take part. Each child who takes part will also receive a school certificate. If we have any Scottish dancers or Bagpipers, or if you can play a Scottish Musical piece on an instrument, you are welcome to upload a video which may be selected for inclusion in our Scottish Assembly.

Please take care over the weekend and continue to follow the current guidance and only go out for essential journeys. We want to see everyone back in school as soon as possible.

Mrs D Reid (Head Teacher)