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I hope this continues to find everyone well and continuing to cope in these ongoing challenges. It was disappointing to hear this week, although not entirely surprising, that our current arrangements for learning online will continue into February. At this point we don't know what our return to school will look like but please rest assured that we will work together to ensure a smooth return to our building when it is deemed safe to do so.

In the meantime, we continue to be so proud of the way our pupils and families are handling their current circumstances. We are all very aware that each household will differ in their capacity to complete tasks set by the class teacher. Some pupils will be able to complete everything and may be looking for more, and some will find it more challenging to find the time. The most important thing is that all pupils register with us at some point during the day and just do what they can without adding any additional stress or anxiety to the household. We hope that our Arrangements for Online Learning strike a good balance for everyone. As we continue to settle back into this way of working, there will be opportunities for parents/carers to provide feedback on these arrangements, soon.

Our In-School team have worked exceptionally hard this week supporting our learners and despite the huge challenge of supporting pupils from different stages and different classes all completing different tasks, are doing an amazing job. Thank you!

It's been a challenging couple of weeks for many of our staff members as they also juggle home and school support and as always, I'm exceptionally proud of their efforts. Our staff continue to develop their digital skills and learn new ways of delivering learning online every day.

Staff News:

Miss Murray (SFL) will be taking up a part-time secondment later this term with the Dyslexia Outreach Service but will remain as Support For Learning Teacher on a part-time basis at Broomhill. I anticipate that she will remain with us until the end of February on a full time basis and following that will support our pupils at Broomhill for 2 days each week. We all wish Miss Murry well as she embarks on this new opportunity.

Miss Esson has shared the exciting news that she is expecting her first child later this year. Miss Esson will cease face to face teaching around the middle of February. We have appointed a new teacher to her post and further information will be shared later in the term once all of the relevant paperwork is in place.

Mrs Smith will begin her official maternity leave very soon but in the meantime, may drop in to support some of the online learning. We are pleased to see Mrs Smith returning to life at Broomhill, albeit not in class or face to face, following difficult family circumstances and subsequent bereavement. I know she has really taken comfort from the kind wishes from our Broomhill family.

As another weekend approaches, can I again remind everyone to take some time if you can to relax and unwind. Take the opportunity to get some fresh air and exercise, safely and within the current restrictions.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Mrs D Reid (Head Teacher)