

March 2020

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers and community of Our Lady's RC Primary School,

Well, this is a very different newsletter to the one that I thought I would be writing this month and I never thought we'd see the day where schools were closed!

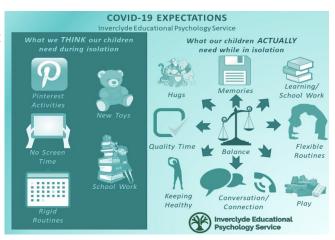
I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to all our staff who worked extremely hard last week and this to set up and deliver Home Learning. They have really risen to the challenge and I am sure you will agree that they are doing a great job! A second huge thank you to the children and parents/carers who have also done an amazing job adapting to the 'new normal'. Home Learning is a big change for all families and we greatly appreciate your ongoing support.

There has been some frustration from staff and parents alike around slow internet connection and accessing resources. I hope that as time passes some of these issues will be ironed out and we will all get in to more of a routine. We appreciate your patience.

Every post that your child submits on Seesaw is viewed by their class teacher. You can see that your child's work has been checked as the love heart will be filled with the teacher's name beside it. Through the course of the day the teacher can receive more than 150 posts. You will therefore understand that written feedback can only be applied to certain pieces of work, in particular, areas where further explanation/guidance is needed.

The activities and learning tasks issued by us should be seen as a help to you to support your child at home. Family and rest time is also important so please try to find a balance. Board games, baking, reading together, etc are all equally as important. I know that Joe Wicks has proved a challenge for me each morning so far! Such activities can also be shared on seesaw to allow us to see what the children are up to. Our teachers are keen to support your child so please let us know if there is anything that you require.

Mrs Lynne Mendes Headteacher



Our Lady's RCPS School Prayer Our Lady of Lourdes, Let love surround us each day. Help us to look after one another, showing fairness and respect. Inspire us to be the best we can be. Help us to make the most of our talents and enjoy a sense of achievement in all that we do. Amen.

Although we are not all together in the same place, we are still a community.

Please say our school prayer every now and then to remind you of our values and to know that other members of our school family will be doing the same.

Keep safe and God bless. From all the Staff x

ALLOCATION OF ELC PLACES

The Council has emailed all parents/carers who applied for an ELC place for their child in one of their nursery classes or early childhood centres with their official decision for Session 20/21/ If you haven't received an email, please check your junk/spam folders.

All placements were allocated using the Nursery Admissions Policy which can be found on the Council website. Parents are asked to respond by 5pm on 3rd April 2020—the link to do this is included in your email.

If you should encounter any problems with the link you should reply to the decision email including the following information:

- Your child's name and nursery setting or the case reference
- Whether you are accepting the full placement, a partial placement (and which days you will take if this is the case), or if you no longer want the placement for your child
- 3. Home Language—if this is not English
- 4. If your child has any additional support needs and if so, some brief details of these needs.

The Council will then count that email as your acceptance.

How to contact us...

• Email us:



ourladys@pkc.gov.uk

Follow updates on twitter:

@OurLadysPerth



Message us on Seesaw



COVID 19 Outdoor Access Guidance

Please follow Government advice:



One outing for exercise per day - walk, run or cycle, alone or with members

of your household.



Stay local - don't get in your car to drive to other areas.



2m

Keep your distance - Stay at least 2 m away from other people when out and about, but do call a friendly greeting or give a wave.

Avoid contact – Avoid touching surfaces as far as possible. Use gloves or hand gel if you need to open gates.





Dogs need to be kept on a lead or under close control, do not let them approach others and as always pick up and remove all waste.

Remember it's lambing time, so give a wide berth to farms where possible, don't take dogs into fields with lambs or other young animals in them and avoid disturbing any wildlife or livestock.



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

The coronavirus outbreak is currently changing much of everyday life. However, if you are worried about the safety and wellbeing of a child, young person or an adult who may be at risk of harm, you can still report this in the normal ways:

- For children and young people, call our Child Protection helpline on 01738 476768, any time, day or night.
- Alternatively, email childprotection@pkc.gov.uk.
- If you are concerned that a child or young person is in immediate danger, please call Police Scotland.

