



Principal's Newsletter

School Closure – WB 20th April



Dear Parents / Carers,

Hi everyone. I hope that you are all keeping well and that you enjoyed your Easter Holidays. It is very hard to believe that it has been 4 weeks since we last had the opportunity to see you all at school.

Hopefully it won't be too long until we see you all again – when it is safe for us to do so. However, for now, it is back to home-schooling. The new term has started and it is time for you all to start the second pack of work that was sent home (Week 3). Hopefully you have managed to find the work that should be completed for this week.

For parents, as you begin another week of home-schooling, remember, there is no right or wrong way of doing it. Do what suits you and your family. If you manage to get all the work completed – GREAT. If you manage to get some work completed – GREAT. If you don't manage to get any work we sent home completed, but you have found online resources and activities to complete linked to your child's ability – GREAT. Anything is better than nothing! ☺ Keep up the good work.

This newsletter is designed as a bit of an updated Question and Answer booklet. This will allow me to answer some questions and queries that have been coming into school in recent weeks.

Remember, our Grab and Go Food Service is still open. It is a little low on stock at the moment, however, it will be fully stocked again on Thursday of this week. If you, your family, or neighbours could do with a little helping hand....then come on down.

Please remember the Prime Minister's Key Message to the public:

STAY HOME, PROTECT THE NHS, SAVE LIVES!

Many thanks,

Mr C. Fulton

Principal

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Principal

Mr C. Fulton

Vice Principal

Mrs L. Kernaghan

Head of Foundation

& Key Stage 1

Mrs J. Orr

Special Needs Co- ordinator and Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Miss J. Minnis

Nursery Lead

Mrs P. Addis

Head of Key Stage 2

Mrs R. Miskelly

I'M WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD IN SCHOOL.



If you are concerned about the welfare of a pupil in school, please speak with Miss Minnis (Designated Teacher)



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QUESTION AND ANSWER UPDATE

1. How can I access the Online Learning that needs to be completed and when will it go live?

Great question! Our online learning goes live on Monday 4th May. You will be able to access this via our school website. www.victoriaprimary.org.uk. You can access this on any device that connects to the internet via browser – eg Safari, Google Chrome, Internet Explorer etc. When you get to the school website, you can find your child's year group home learning via the following ways:

First way – Click on the yellow box at the top of the school website '**CLICK HERE TO ACCESS OUR HOME AND ONLINE LEARNING CLASS PAGES**' then select your child's year group.

Second way – Click **Parent's Area** tab at the top of the school website. Then click **Home and Online Learning** then select your child's year group.

Work for each new week will be uploaded onto the website after 12pm on the previous Friday. The work from the previous week will be removed. This is to ensure that each home learning page doesn't get too overcrowded with documents and information.

2. Will the AQE still go ahead and how do I register?

We expect the AQE to go ahead as planned. Applications open on 29th April. Please visit the AQE website closer to the time to find out how to apply. I believe it may be an online application for this year. If you are not sure if you believe your child should sit the AQE or not, and would like to discuss previous tests scores with me, please do give school a call and I will be happy to take the time to discuss it with you.



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3. Will we get our deposit back from our Loch Insh payments?

As you will be aware, we have had to cancel our annual Primary 7 residential to Loch Insh. At present, we are still negotiating with Loch Insh to try and secure a refund of as much of the deposit as possible. As soon as I have any more information I will be in touch with parents. As this moment in time none of the deposit already paid to Loch Insh has been refunded.

4. Are there any other online resources we could use if we finish our packs of work?

In the last few days, the English Government and BBC have both created some fabulous online learning resources.

If you want to have a look at these resources, or follow their timetable then please feel free. They are based on the English year group names....so please use the guide below to make sure you are selecting the correct year group.

Primary 7 = Year 6

Primary 6 = Year 5

Primary 5 = Year 4

Primary 4 = Year 3

Primary 3 = Year 2

Primary 2 = Year 1

Primary 1 = Reception

BBC support can be reached via this website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z6vpnrnd>

The Government online learning via The Oak Academy can be reached via this website: <https://www.thenational.academy/>

5. How can we contact school staff during the periods of closure?

Continue to use www.sli.do to contact school staff with questions relating to home and online learning. Each week, we will remove comments from the previous week. This is to ensure that the comments pages do not become overcrowded.

A reminder of our different slido codes are below.

YEAR GROUP	SLIDO CODE
Nursery	VictoriaNursery
Primary 1	VictoriaP1
Primary 2	VictoriaP2
Primary 3	VictoriaP3
Primary 4	VictoriaP4
Primary 5	VictoriaP5
Primary 6	VictoriaP6
Primary 7	VictoriaP7



The third activity from our Sustrans Schools' Officer, Beverley, is thinking about mapping. So there are a few activities investigating what a map is, and making a simple map of your local area.

You can view the video at this link: <https://youtu.be/-cQTLDMOGTE> You'll find a link to the full instructions and worksheets below the video, or you can get this at: <https://share.sustrans.org.uk/share/public/?file=505973cb> Password: Sustrans.



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New Anxiety Resource Pack

Autism NI have created an 'Anxiety Resource Pack' which includes a Body Outline chart, the 5 Point Scale, the Sticky Slimy Thoughts chart and a list of coping tools that individuals can choose from. This pack can be downloaded on our website:

<http://autismni.org/anxiety-resource-pack.html>

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Little bit of fun...

Can you see the young lady? Or do you see an old lady? Look carefully!

