

## **ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL - INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S & FAMILY SERVICES**

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Dear Parents and Carers

As the school term draws to a close today, I would like to thank you all for your support and cooperation following the closure of schools on Friday 20 March. Life has changed considerably for all of us in a very short space of time.

My teachers ably switched to digital delivery of the curriculum and have been keen to ensure that children and young people have access to a full learning day. We are aware that this sudden change has the potential to create challenges and tension for families who are having to quickly adapt and balance the pressures of home working, caring for others and supporting learning. We are all experiencing these challenges and tensions and learning how best to manage this. I recognise and value your vital contribution and ongoing support in these challenging times.

Learning is important but not more important than a happy home and wellbeing. I sincerely ask that you continue to make us aware of any challenges resulting from the school work being set and continue to prioritise the wellbeing of your family. Over the course of the past two weeks I have asked many of you to put happiness and emotional wellbeing first and foremost. There are a wide range of resources to support you on the Kaimhill School website. Teachers will not be posting learning activities over the Easter holiday period.

You will be aware that schools routinely check attendance and have procedures in place when children do not physically attend. As you would expect, we have been reviewing our arrangements in light of school closures. Teachers are being asked to monitor the 'virtual attendance' of each pupil through engagement with the online learning tasks or check-ins with school staff. They are asked to alert the senior leadership team if children and young people are not visible so that we can check that everyone is ok, in most cases this check will be done through Groupcall. If you receive a text, please reply and let us know you are ok.

I hope you will be able to enjoy the holiday period and are able to relax and spend time with loved ones at home. We look forward to our virtual school being operational again from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

With my kindest regards and wishes for you all to stay safe and healthy.

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