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Dear Parents,

All children have received activity packs whilst school remains closed to non-key worker families. As we don't know the timescale for this closure staff will communicate messages via their class twitter. Early Years will continue with Tapestry but for children in Years 1-6 your line of communication (both child and parent) to your child's class teacher will be via Purple Mash using the internal '2Email' system. It is unclear if staff may be deployed beyond Newburgh so please use this facility to ask questions if needed but please don't expect an immediate response.

All Year 1-6 children have a login for 'Purple Mash'. Emails will appear at the top of the page as an alert. If you can not see the alert bell please type '2Email' in to the search box and access the 2Email section of Purple Mash. There are also some excellent programmes on this site for your child to explore.

Information for Parents:

Access to Purple Mash is secure by username and password.

There are no links to external commercial sites.

There are no external adverts or pop-ups.

Children have a unique space for their work.

Children will not have the opportunity to cyber-bully within Purple Mash nor see information and photographs of other users due to the personal save areas within Purple Mash. **Please be mindful that if your child is accessing online resources that you reinforce online safety and monitor their use.**

We have been instructed as a school to remain open on Monday for children of designated keyworkers who need to attend work as usual. This includes NHS and emergency workers, school staff, staff who support health services, social care, delivery drivers. If you fall under this category **please contact school by phone or email tomorrow to confirm that your child needs a place on Monday.** I must stress this is not educational provision, this is merely childcare to allow designated services to continue functioning. We will be open from 9 – 4 with all children from Nursery up to Year 6 together as a group. We will provide a meal for children though we can not guarantee to be able to cater for allergies at this time.

To everyone else school will close at the end of the day tomorrow (After School Club will still take place) and we will communicate when we are able to re-open to all as soon as we receive the information from the government. **All medicines** will be sent home tomorrow to ensure that you have them if required. **This means that key worker children will need to bring them with them each day.**

Anne Menarry was due to finish at the end of the term and so I intend to invite her back to give her our thanks once school re-opens.

I want to personally thank you all, including my staff, for your support during this particularly challenging time, and especially the children who have made our days bright.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school soon.

Look after one another and take care.

Kindest regards



Rebecca Fowler
Headteacher

