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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and that you have enjoyed the long weekend.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement last week regarding schools in England to reopen, I know many of you will be wondering when this will be the case for schools in Scotland. Like you, we are waiting for national guidance around the reopening of schools. At this stage, we cannot tell you exactly when school will reopen, but when we do, we will ensure that your child's classroom is a safe environment and that they are warmly welcomed back to school. We will make adjustments to support children's readiness to learn and wellbeing as they transition back to a 'new normal' in school, which may look quite different from school in the past. We will put your children's safety and wellbeing first.

It was lovely to talk with our families last week. I know all the staff who talked with you were really pleased to have the opportunity to say 'hello' and to find out how things were going with learning at home. We still have some families to contact this week so watch out for private number on your phones, it might be us!

**Transition Update**

We are hoping to be able to provide families with an update regarding transition this week, sharing arrangements for Nursery – P1 transition, P7 – S1 transition and transition between stages within school. We thank you all for your patience with regards to this matter. We have been working collaboratively with colleagues within the Newbattle Learning Community and Midlothian Council to create new transition arrangements which reflect the current educational climate.

**Kindness Cup Challenge**

This week is #Mental Health Awareness week. Looking after your own and your children's wellbeing is important. The theme for this year's Mental Health week is kindness. One thing we have seen all over the world is that kindness is prevailing in uncertain times.

At Newtongrange Primary, we want to hear about your kind acts. We want to see how many cups of kindness can be filled over a week by all of our Newtongrange learners, families and staff. For one week, record your acts of kindness on the stripes on the cup until it is full. You can create your own drawing of a cup to colour or use the template provided on Google Classroom and Seesaw or even use a physical cup to fill with objects.

We would love to hear about your kind acts and cups. Take photos or display your 'Cups of Kindness' in your window. If posting on twitter, please tweet to @NewtongrangePS use the hashtags #KindnessMatters or #KindnessMidlothian. Remember to let your teacher know when you have completed your cup of Kindness so we can see by the end of the week how many cups of kindness Newtongrange Primary can complete!

Please remember we have a HWB section on our school website providing information, tips and strategies to help you help your child manage their wellbeing. <http://newtongrange.mqfl.net/>

## **Living History Project**

As a school, we would love to create a Living History Log to be kept in Newtongrange Primary School for many, many years to come. The log will act like a time capsule and be used in classes and lessons in the future to explain the detail of how we, as a school community, responded during this time of lockdown. It will include the thoughts and feelings of our learners, parents, teachers and wider community.

We have outlined some suggested activities. You, our children, your parents and grandparents are invited to complete as many of them as you wish to. Please take your time with them and don't rush. Remember in years to come, a child in a classroom at Newtongrange Primary School may be looking very closely at the work you complete now. Make it something that tells your story.

Please click on the information section of the school app or visit the school website for further information regarding our living history project.

## **School Uniform Order**

All parents can now order their back to school uniform online with home delivery. Our school uniform suppliers hope to return to work from the 18th May, when they will begin processing online orders. You can find our schools online shop by using this link - <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools>

**The online cut-off date for guaranteed back to school delivery is the 20th July 2020.**

## **P7 Hoodies**

We are currently working with our suppliers re P7 hoodies for next session. As soon as they are available to order online we will advise you.

## **School Ties**

School ties are available to purchase directly from the school office and the cost of £4.00 per tie. If you would like to reserve a school tie for next session, please email the school. Ties will be available for collection once school reopens.

## **Sports Day**

Date for your dairy! We are planning for our Sports Day to go ahead as planned on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020** for the whole school including nursery. Mrs Thom our PE specialist is currently planning a virtual sports day, fun for all the family to take part in. More information to follow!

## **Home Learning Resources**

It is great to hear that the home learning resources we have put in the Co-op are being used. Going forwards we aim to top up the box every Wednesday with new pencils and jotters to support with learning at home.

## **Finally**

There will continue to be many challenges ahead but we will continue to adapt, react and cope as best we can. We are all in this together!

Please remember there are lots of different supports available to families during these unprecedented times. Further details of these supports are detailed on our school website.

<http://newtongrange.mgfl.net/covid-19/>

Also, please remember staff at Newtongrange Primary School are here to help. Please email the school [Newtongrange\\_PS@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:Newtongrange_PS@midlothian.gov.uk)

Take care and stay safe.

Miss Vicky Morgan  
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