

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your patience as we have experienced some issues/glitches with Glow. Unfortunately, Education Scotland have disabled the chat feature for pupils within Teams and we had previously been advised this would work fine. However, we can now use the Glow email system to achieve the same thing.

I know some parents are wondering why other local schools have been getting messages/posts from their teachers. These schools are using Google Classroom or See Saw. We took the path of using Microsoft Teams as our feeder secondary Beeslack High School use Microsoft Teams. We hope today to have ironed out the glitches and by tomorrow, all pupils can message their class teachers using the email system.

Please find the next learning grid on your child's Glow Microsoft Team that has been created by your child's class teacher(s). **The grids are work that can be completed over the next 2 weeks.** The children can email their class teacher about the grids/worksheets if they want to and the teacher will answer questions or give feedback. If they are keen to send work to the teacher, they can do this by sending a photo of the work or attaching a document with their list of answers, whatever is easiest. The grids will also be emailed out and put on the school website.

Feedback from some parents was that they would also like the option of some worksheets to support learning. These have also been attached. If you do not have a printer the children can write the answers on paper or in one of the jotters they took home.

Please remember you are not expected to replicate the normal school day or be a teacher yourself. There will be some days where trying to complete tasks at home just isn't manageable. That is totally acceptable. John Swinney was on the news recently explaining this. If you are looking for ideas on how to structure your day, think about dividing the day into sections that best suit your family. It may be that you want the children to work only in the mornings or only in the afternoons. Or it may be that you want them to do 3 whole days and 2 days off. It absolutely depends on your individual family circumstances.

Here is an exemplar of what we do with the children when they are in school:

- 9 - 10.30 Literacy work eg reading, writing, spelling, talking and listening
- 10.45 - 11.10 Watch Newsround and discuss
- 11.10 - 12.30 Maths/Number work
- 1.15 - 3.15 A mixture of curricular areas eg Science, Project, Health and Wellbeing, History, Geography, Music, Art

ICT is linked throughout the whole school day

To further support you the teachers will choose work from the class learning grid and post it daily. So starting this Wednesday you should see a post within Teams from your teacher advising what you could do that day eg

- 9.00 Do gym with Joe Wicks on YouTube
- 9.45 Teacher will choose a literacy task from the grid
- 10.30 Playtime
- 11.00 Teacher will choose a maths/numeracy task from the grid or Heinemann Textbook
- 12.30 Lunchtime
- 1.30 Teacher may advise Sumdog or BBC Bitesize or project work

I must emphasise these are suggestions and you do not have to do it in this way. You choose the way that works best for your child/ren.

I am also planning for some Learning Assistants to go into the school to make up some art/craft little packs for each child as I know it can be expensive to buy these things. More information on this will follow once I get this organised.

I hope that this information is helpful and supportive to all families during this challenging time for the country. I also hope that you are all keeping well and safe. I am missing all the children very much and am so looking forward to when the school can be opened again.

Jo Wilson
Head Teacher