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“When you believe in yourself, anything is possible.”

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“Family is everything.”



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

As we finish our first week of online learning, I have been hugely impressed by the high levels of engagement from our families. By the end of today, we have had over 60% of classes with 100% engagement which we would like to see go up. The support our parents are providing their children in order to continue to learn at home is fantastic. The school team are very grateful to you all for working with us closely. We know that it is no easy task! Barbara Jones



Resources

As you and your child navigate Google Classroom and undertake the learning set, if at any point there is a resource that you feel you need to support the learning that you do not have at home, please do not hesitate in contacting the school office to see how we can assist. This may be stationery, a jotter etc.

Chrome Books

We have a number of Chrome Books available at school for families to borrow. Please go to the following link on our website for information on how to make a request ([IT Hardware Request](#)). We would never want any of our pupils to miss out on their learning due to technical issues so please do not hesitate in contacting us.

Google Classroom

We learned from the first lockdown and online learning that sometimes the main issue for families was knowing how to upload work onto the classroom. Please see the following link if you want a quick refresher on how to do this. ([How To Submit Work](#)) Again, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the school if you are experiencing technical issues – we're all in this together!

P1 Applications

Just a reminder that anyone seeking to apply for a P1 place at our school for August 2021 should complete the online application process by Friday 22nd January 2021.

Hubs

I am delighted with the ease in which our hubs have got up and running this week. The hubs provide a place for online learning for our pupils whose parents have Key Worker status that meets specific criteria set by Aberdeen City Council. Many thanks to our amazing staff who are supporting the pupils daily in our hubs.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Susan Towns, our new school administrator. She has quickly eased into this important role in our school, despite the challenging times we find ourselves in.

Hello everyone my name is Susan Towns and I'd like to introduce myself as the new School Administrator, I joined the team 2 weeks ago and I am very excited to be here. I so look forward to meeting all the children when everyone can return to school and in the meantime the staff have all been very welcoming and helpful. I am very much looking forward to learning about the school and all its activities with this being a new venture for myself as I have not worked in Education before. I have had many previous roles and have lived in some sunny places around the world. I have also had some fun being a Magician's Assistant and more recently looking after Castles all of which are the School Houses, so I am happy to share some of their 'secrets and spooky tales' whenever you get a chance to see me at School.



HEALTH & WELLBEING: FAMILY FEATURE



Learning from Home



Emma Powell
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Here we are again, another month, another lockdown. But this one feels a little different, even with the further restrictions announced by the first minister this week, there is hope on the horizon. The vaccine and a beginning of normal life as spring and summer blooms.

It is important to acknowledge to yourself, and as a family that life is different, and is not as you would necessarily want it to be. If you pretend to your child that all is fine, when it is clearly not they can usually see right through this and wonder why you are lying! Instead normalise, talking openly but constructively. Do not lay all your worries out to your child. But if you've been a bit snappy or a bit tired, ask why. But also tell them what you are doing to help yourself. And what you all have to feel grateful and happy about. Sometimes we have to dig very deep to find it! Sometimes it is the very small things. The fact that a frosty or icy ground crunches as we walk on it, a cozy hot drink together, starting (or finishing!) a new book. Sometimes it is a bigger thing, such as immediate families getting to spend more time together. Next week we are going to look in more detail at Gratitude as an important tool for family wellbeing. But do give some thought as to how you are managing your feelings and the pressures of being closer together, working and schooling from home.

Hazlehead School are providing you with learning tasks, and are keeping in touch with you in a variety of ways. It's important for you and your children to keep engaged in the tasks set, digital meets-up, and involved in the school community. But don't be too hard on yourself. Remember learning comes in lots of ways. We learn so much just from a walk outside, about nature and the weather. Talk with your child when you are taking your daily exercise, ask them what they see. Their perceptions might be different to your own. If you are looking for ways to develop their learning and cognitive skills. Have a look at this page on our EPS digital hub. Although it talks about early cognitive skills, it reinforces them for all ages. Educational Psychology Service Hub - Early Thinking Skills ([google.com](https://www.google.com)) Just try and have fun with your child, give yourself permission to be silly and enjoy these days together. They will be back at school, and you will be back to your old life soon.