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Newsletter - Friday 15th January 2021

Dear Parents,

The Proud Cloud

For those of you not following us on facebook I would just like to reiterate that we put the children, staff and parents on the 'Proud Cloud' this week to say thank you for the way everyone has worked with us to move to this new way of learning. I know lots of people are finding it challenging but please talk to your child's class teacher if you are having any difficulties so that we can offer any appropriate support. We have been wowed by the effort that folks are making.

Peat Rigg Y5/6

It is with great reluctance that we have had to take the decision to cancel our shared residential to Peat Rigg in May with Y5/6. This decision has not been taken lightly and we are fully aware of the huge disappointment for our children. However, we feel that it is highly unlikely that we will be able to mix 5 schools together at that time. We will instead seek some other exciting activities to take part in, guidance and risk assessments permitting.

Daily Worship and Teacher Meets

We have had a fantastic response to our daily get togethers with up to 20 children joining us regularly. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible for our daily worship and teacher briefings which we are glad to hear are really useful.

Please contact school directly for the link.

Parent Guidance Update

The DfE have updated their guidance for parents. You can find the link [HERE](#). We have also updated our guidance and this is attached to the email.

DfE Devices and Loan Devices

Just to let you know that contrary to the positive media reports nationally, we have been contacted by the DfE who have decided that we are eligible to order two devices from them to support home learning! These will be in addition to the Chromebooks that we have on order that we have purchased ourselves with no DfE support.

Next week we should be in a position to loan some of our school devices which have been reconfigured for home use. Please get in touch if your child is currently working off a mobile

phone or having to share a device with other family members and you feel you may be eligible for a loan device. Thank you.

Update - Key/Critical Worker Provision

The guidance now states that if you are able to keep your child at home then you should.

Please do understand that this is emergency provision for the times that you are not able to care for your child at home because of your critical work. It continues to be important that we have as few children and members of staff on site as possible to minimise the person to person contact.

- Please book ahead (preferably 24 hours notice) via email
- Let us know if you will need to use breakfast club
- Let us know if you require a school dinner, thank you
- If you will require your normal school transport

Please understand that if your child is in school they may not necessarily be with their own class teacher. We will be operating in one mixed bubble. Children will be accessing the same remote education as children working from home as duty staff will still need to be managing the remote education for the rest of the school.

Reminder - Staff Contact

Please contact your class teacher via email in the first instance if you are experiencing difficulties with any aspect of the remote learning or google access. Thank you.

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Please note that staff will only be responding to children's comments/questions and emails within school hours. They do need time to prepare and mark.

Reminder - Covid testing

If your children are attending or have attended school so far this term please do remember to let us know if they begin to show any symptoms of Covid or you have taken them for a Covid test. We are still required to report all cases of Covid linked to our school. Thank you.

And finally, please do keep in touch with us and let us know how you all are, we will do our best to provide support in every way that we are able to.

Have a good weekend,

Best wishes,

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Liz Orland
Headteacher