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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well as we move into term 4. Huge congratulations to everyone for the incredible work you are doing to support your families and those around you. As ever our fabulous village has pulled together and sets an example of community spirit that is second to none.

As the lockdown continues it is clear that learning in the home is becoming ever more important. A questionnaire will be sent out to all parents so that you can give us feedback on how we are doing so far and what we can do to improve the learning on offer. We are also looking at how best to support those with poor Wi-Fi connections or a lack of devices.

We are keen that you do what you can to keep learning going, particularly in the literacy and numeracy tasks. Please do not put yourselves under any undue pressure in terms of learning, the most important thing at this difficult time is that we keep our children safe, healthy and happy.



Reports:

The reports will be emailed this year so keep an eye on your inbox as they will be sent out from Friday 24th April.

Transition:

Nursery to p1 transition plans are being put in place at the moment with details to follow. The aim will be to give parents some materials to use with their child to prepare them for school. P7 pupils will be encouraged to join Teams through Glow so that they can take part in the Mintlaw academy transition online (we will be resetting passwords and offering assistance with this). Parents should follow @MintlawFamLearn on twitter to keep up to date with the latest news from the academy. Our PTA are generously funding leavers hoodies so we will be in contact about sizes shortly.

Facebook:

Please keep an eye on the school Facebook page for links to support groups, fun ideas and updated information.

Mintlaw Cluster Statement on learning

- Teachers will issue Literacy and Numeracy Tasks
- Literacy and Numeracy lessons will be carefully explained via Purple Mash and the children can ask for any clarification needed. These tasks are best done in the morning.
- As well as a Literacy and Numeracy Task, teachers will also share other tasks which may be used for afternoon learning.

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Keeping families Safe

- If we do not hear from you via purple mash or email by Thursday, we will make an attempt to contact you just to be sure all is well.
- School will remain contactable during conventional school hours and Purple Mash messages will be viewed in those times.



Some of the best learning can take place in informal ways so please continue to enjoy spending time with your children on activities such as baking, cooking, cycling, walking, gardening, painting etc. Enjoy spending time in the fresh air (obviously whilst sticking to government restrictions) and keeping yourselves healthy. We have enjoyed receiving photos for Facebook of the various activities/tasks and even chores the children have been doing!

Mintlaw Hub Provision

As we move into term 4, the available school provision for children of keyworkers and other eligible pupils will remain open all day for seven days a week. Staff from across Mintlaw Cluster (all primaries and Mintlaw Academy) work in these hubs - P.S.A.s, Early Years staff and Headteachers.

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