

Our vision is to ensure all our pupils are safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included, so that each individual can be fulfilled and reach their potential within a supportive and proactive community.



New Pitsligo & St John's Primary School
School Street
New Pitsligo
Fraserburgh
Aberdeenshire AB43 6NE
Tel: 01771 676610

Newpitsligo.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk
www.newpitsligo-st-johns.aberdeenshire.sch.uk

5th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

With luck Nursery to p3 pupils will be able to return as normal to school from the 22nd February. This is yet to be confirmed but we are working towards this goal. Detail on the older classes has not been released but we will let you know as soon as we hear anything.

The hub will still be available for the older classes. This is for category one and two keyworkers. If you are furloughed you are no longer entitled to a hub place as you are able to educate your child at home.

Thank you for all you are doing to support your child's learning at home. We know how difficult it is so please don't worry if you have a bad day and things get missed out. Sometimes a good walk and a break from the screen is the best plan. Just let us know. We know how much the majority of our families are doing and how much strain this situation can cause so cut yourselves some slack.

Sadly a minority of our pupils are completing very little of the online work, sometimes only two activities in the whole week. If you have an older child who is working independently, please check their To Dos and Class Blogs to be sure they are completing the work. Younger children will need support. We will help if you are stuck on anything and the teacher can be emailed between 9am and 3pm on any school day.

Below are some resources and links that you might find useful until we can get back to some form of normality.

Resources for Home Learning

Most of the resources below have already been sent out to you by email as they have come in to school but I am aware that there will be an overwhelming amount of information coming in to your in boxes at the moment so I thought it would be useful to collate them all here in one place. All of these are **optional additions** to the core daily literacy, numeracy and "other" lessons which your child's teacher is currently providing.

Here is a wee video to help you use Teams:

<https://vimeo.com/508532589/a1ccff4c27>

The website below has been developed by Aberdeenshire Council and contains a wealth of resources to support parents/carers, some of these you will be familiar with as they are used by teachers but there are many more which you may wish to explore: [Digital Support Aberdeenshire - Resources \(google.com\)](https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/digital-support)

As part of the National e-Learning offer, e-Sgoil is offering free support to learners during this period of remote learning, these include:

- Daily, live sessions hosted on the e-Sgoil website. Monday to Friday at 10 am for P2-P7, 11 am for S1-S3 and 2 pm for S4-S6. No prior sign-up required - simply direct learners to e-sgoil.com at the appropriate time. Further details, including a weekly schedule, past sessions and associated resources, can be found at: <http://www.e-sgoil.com/lockdown-live/>
- Early years, including Primary 1. Meet internet sensation Dug in his Discovery Den – an ever-evolving online learning environment for our youngest learners. No prior sign-up required. Visit Dug at: <http://e-sgoil.com/earlyyears20/>

Our vision is to ensure all our pupils are safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included, so that each individual can be fulfilled and reach their potential within a supportive and proactive community.

A summary of the Lockdown Live materials available can be found here: <http://e-sgoil.com/media/1455/lockdown-live-leaflet-v5.pdf>

The e-Sgoil materials can also be accessed from the Aberdeenshire website above.

The Active Schools team have been busy creating resources to help keep both children and adults physically active as well as mentally healthy. Below is a link to their YouTube channel which has over 20 videos for you to choose from, more will be added on a weekly basis so do keep looking back to see what is new.

[Active Schools: Join In - YouTube](#)

While you wait for new videos or for something different, colleagues at The Daily Mile have created some fantastic resources and games to get you outside as a family to get your daily fresh air:

Resources - <https://thedailymile.co.uk/resources/>

Daily Mile at Home - <https://thedailymile.co.uk/at-home/>

If you would like to follow Active Schools to keep up to date with what they are doing follow the link below:
Active Schools North - <http://bit.ly/ASNorth>

There are also resource cards for both keeping active and being creative available from the Live Life Aberdeenshire website:

<http://bit.ly/ASAResourceCards> or <http://bit.ly/ASACreativeCards>

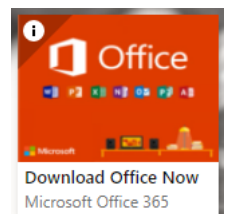
If music making is your thing Drake Music Scotland have a large selection of video resources on their website: <https://drakemusicscotland.org/resources/> where children can get involved in activities from singing along to making kitchen drum kits.

Aberdeen Football Club are producing weekly learning packs to support home learning, these include literacy and numeracy activities as well as active and creative activities to keep pupils busy and motivated: [Aberdeen Community Trust | Primary School \(afcommunitytrust.org\)](http://AberdeenCommunityTrust.org)

Office 365

Just a reminder that all GLOW users can download the Office 365 suite onto their home devices – look for this tile on your child's GLOW Launchpad:

Further information on this can be found here: [Office 365 ProPlus – Glow Connect](#)



Support/Useful Links:

NHS

For all the latest Covid 19 informaton and advice:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus>

Grampian Assistance Hub

[Grampian Coronavirus Assistance Centre - This website is a focal point for information and assistance for anyone affected by coronavirus anywhere in Grampian](#)
[Grampian Coronavirus Assistance Centre \(gcac.org.uk\)](http://gcac.org.uk)

Educational Psychology Phoneline

Available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9am - 3pm. Call 01779 403721

Family Nurture Leaflets

Educational Psychology Service has developed leaflets on key topics which contain tips and advice for parents and carers.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/as/aberdeenshireeps/family-nurture-leaflets/>

Aberdeenshire Council Employment Support Team

Many people have lost jobs through redundancy or are currently on furlough. Aberdeenshire Council Employment Support Team can offer practical and financial assistance to support with your return to employment or help you look at retraining for a different sector. Further information can be found in the **attached leaflet.**

Online Safety

Serving Aberdeenshire from mountain to sea – the very best of Scotland
<http://www.newpitsligo-st-johns.aberdeenshire.sch.uk>

Our vision is to ensure all our pupils are safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included, so that each individual can be fulfilled and reach their potential within a supportive and proactive community.

As children continue to spend more time online I have again included the ThinkUKnow website which has a wealth of trusted information for parents and pupils which is regularly updated as well as advice on where to go for help.



<https://www.google.com/url?q=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2F2whXSy1&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNEQNTFMinjnElK8E-kIDHVjrinGYA>

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=03f521e658-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_21_04_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-03f521e658-54385293

Finally, please remember these are extraordinary times which no one has had to face before, you are all doing a fantastic job, take care and keep safe, we will all get through this together.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Helen James'.

HELEN JAMES
Head Teacher