

NEWTONGRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Good morning, Google Classrooms go live this morning. To login into glow click here <https://sts.platform.rmunify.com/account/signin/glow>

If your child (P1-P7) does not have a Glow login or they have forgotten their login details please contact the school through email and we will resend them to you. [Newtongrange PS@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:Newtongrange_PS@midlothian.gov.uk)

Midlothian Council have developed a Parent Information page, which has a range of videos to support families in using Glow and accessing online activities. Click here to access the support page <https://sites.google.com/mc.glow.scot/distancelearning-parentcarer/glow>

Midlothian Council have a very limited number of Chromebooks to lend to families to support with distance learning, if you would like to request technology, please click on the following link for more information about how to apply for a loan of a Chromebook. <https://sites.google.com/mc.glow.scot/distancelearning-parentcarer/chromebookloan>

Home Learning Grids

Each week teachers will share a learning grid with a range of Health and Wellbeing, literacy, numeracy and learning across the curriculum activities for learners to undertake. Learners are encouraged to share their learning with their teacher through Google Classrooms and Twitter. We also encourage learners to read daily and to spend 15 minutes a day improving their numeracy and literacy skills through Sumdog.

All home learning activities are suggested not expected.

Staying healthy, getting one hour of safe exercise each day, reading, practising daily number and literacy skills and enjoying family time is what we need to focus on most.

Nursery

We are going to use Seesaw to communicate with families and share activities for nursery children to do at home.

Seesaw is a simple way for children to record and share their learning. Seesaw provides a place to document children's learning. Each child will have their own e-portfolio and can add things to it, like photos, videos, drawings or notes. The app provides an opportunity to communicate with the nursery staff and share news in a secure way.

Click on this link below and select your child's name to create their account. <https://app.seesaw.me/s/777-980-381>

Week 1 activities and a nursery rhyme activity grid are already upload to support you with learning at home. Please use Seesaw to upload and share home learning and message staff if you require any support or advice. Activities for this week are also on our school website and also on the school website <http://newtongrange.mgfl.net/covid-19-home-learning-march-2020/>.

Click on the link for more information regarding Seesaw.

<https://sites.google.com/mc.glow.scot/distancelearning-parentcarer/other-tools/seesaw>

Please remember your child's own class teacher or key work may be on duty in a hub school, may be caring for family members, caring for their children, or unwell. We will try our best to ensure your child receives feedback on their learning regularly and has some home learning activities may be on occasions set by another teacher.

Our staff team are working under difficult and transient circumstances. We are being asked to staff hub schools, send home learning to your children and take part in other aspects of the emergency response such as delivering food parcels to vulnerable families. Thank you for the ongoing kindness and support for our staff team. We are doing our best to manage the demands we face.

I hope you and your families are safe and well. Thank you to our key workers in the NHS and other services.

Please stay at home, follow NHS and Government advice and help keep our key workers, including your school staff on duty, safe and healthy.

Vicky Morgan
Head Teacher