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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well and that you are all keeping your spirits up by being as active and healthy as possible. You are all in our thoughts each day.

Living and working in a unique situation

We are all living and working in a unique situation and I would like to reiterate the importance of making sure you look after your mental wellbeing, as well as those around you. Thank you for the way you have positively embraced the new way of distance learning. It is strange, and we are all balancing many priorities, which are testing us. I appreciate your positivity and support to each other, the guidance you are providing to your children and the way you are helping our school community.

I hope the children are maintaining their motivation in their home learning. We are grateful for your proactive support at this difficult time – when times are challenging and patience is tested, just remember what an important role you are playing in your child's future! We understand how busy you are; please do not feel pressured to complete all the activities each week.

Living History Project

As a school, we would love to create a Living History Log to be kept in Newtongrange Primary School for many, many years to come. The log will act like a time capsule and be used in classes and lessons in the future to explain the detail of how we, as a school community, responded during this time of lockdown. It will include the thoughts and feelings of our learners, parents, teachers and wider community.

We have outlined some suggested activities. You, your parents and grandparents are invited to complete as many of them as you wish to. Please take your time with them and don't rush. Remember in years to come, a child in a classroom at Newtongrange Primary School may be looking very closely at the work you complete now. Make it something that tells your story.

Please click on the information section of the school app or visit the school website for further information regarding our living history project.

P7 Camp Week

This week our P7 learners were due to head off to Dalguise for P7 camp. We know how sad and upset we are all feeling as is not the case. We know this won't make up for missing out on P7 camp, but we have decided to suspend the usual Home Learning Activities for P7 this week, and instead, we invite our P7 learners to enjoy a week full of challenges, outdoor activities and family fun!

Families will receive a full refund of payments they made for P7 camp. We are working with Midlothian Council and PGL to return this money to you. Please be patient with us.

School Uniform Order

All parents can now order their back to school uniform online with home delivery. Our school uniform suppliers hope to return to work from the 18th May, when they will begin processing online orders. You can find our schools online shop by using this link - <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools>

The online cut-off date for guaranteed back to school delivery is the 20th July 2020.

Rainbow of Hope

A P1 learner has started a 'Rainbow of Hope' on the fence outside our school entrance. Lots of learners and staff have been adding their ribbon to it. Please, when you are out next for your daily exercise, walk past the school and add your ribbon.

Finally

There will continue to be many challenges ahead but we will continue to adapt, react and cope as best we can. We are all in this together!

Please remember there are lots of different supports available to families during these unprecedented times. Further details of these supports are detailed on our school website.

<http://newtongrange.mgfl.net/covid-19/>

Also, please remember staff at Newtongrange Primary School are here to help. Please email the school Newtongrange_PS@midlothian.gov.uk

Take care and stay safe.

Miss Vicky Morgan
Head Teacher