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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope everyone is keeping well and managed to enjoy the lovely sunshine over the weekend.

Last week, Mr Drysdale, Mrs Deas and I have attempted to contact every Cornbank family. It was a real highlight of our week and so lovely to hear how well everyone is adapting to the changes. Many families are balancing working from home, younger siblings and learning new technology skills to support your children. Thank you so much for everything you are doing - we appreciate how challenging this can be. We fully support you doing what is right for your child at this time. Please do not worry if you missed our phone call, we will be trying again this week.

Staff have taken on board feedback from the surveys that you completed last week and are now uploading lessons on GLOW after 6pm in preparation for the next day. This allows staff time to look at the daily tasks that have been uploaded and plan accordingly. Staff are continuing to work extremely hard to plan appropriate online lessons, provide feedback and to keep in contact with the children. Unfortunately, at this stage we are unable to use any video conferencing with pupils. This is due to there not being an appropriate and safe platform available for both staff and children to use. There is lots of work going on behind the scenes in Midlothian Council and within Scotland to try and enable online conferencing with all the correct security and privacy settings but they are not there yet. As soon as we know of any changes to this we will let you know. Staff are more than willing to respond to messages and if you have a concern or worry they will also phone you at home. Please continue to contact the school email address if you need to speak to someone and we will endeavour to get back in touch.

We will be continuing to follow the same structure for daily lessons. However, you may have already noticed that Mrs McGlade has uploaded a Family Focus Task. Mrs McGlade will be planning a weekly learning experience and these will relate to our Pupil Voice focus groups. As with all tasks, please do not be worrying about these and only complete what you can.

In line with our usual school calendar, staff are beginning the reporting process. Following on from feedback, we will be using a very similar format to last session and staff will be completing these over the next 7 weeks. We will be emailing completed reports on a Thursday. When we are able to return to school, we will also provide you with a printed copy of your child's report too.

We hope everyone has a lovely and safe week. We look forward to seeing what you have been up to on GLOW and on Twitter.

Kind regards,

Laura Cameron
Head Teacher

