



**BILSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are living in very unusual times at the moment and I hope all of you and your families are staying well and safe.

School closure is very unsettling for all concerned and we have been working hard to ensure that your children have felt safe, calm and secure this week, experiencing a very 'ordinary' school week in quite extraordinary circumstances. Our children have been wonderful - calm, positive and full of their usual energy and enthusiasm.

In order to ensure that our children have activities to keep them busy and focused during the period when they will be away from school, our staff have been busy putting together a home learning pack. There are a selection of different activities covering a variety of areas including literacy, numeracy, PE, science and general interest topics. There are a number of activities that can be enjoyed with your family and others that will best suit a particular age or class. We are happy for you to choose the ones that suit your child best and interest them.

If your child still has their reading book at home, please put it safely in their home learning pack in readiness for returning to school. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible and to read a variety of things - lots of ideas on our website!

Your child's passwords are also enclosed in the pack that will allow them access to Education City, Sumdog and Studyladder as well as Glow (only for P1-P7).

In the coming weeks, teachers will post activities and tasks on their class's Glow page. We have enclosed instructions in the home learning pack to ensure that all children can access Glow. Children will be able to message their class teacher if they require help with any task from within their class page. **Please note, there will be no postings in Glow for the next week or so as staff are undergoing authority training to enable them to navigate the site properly.** Children should use their home learning packs to plan their activities (examples of a suggested timetable are included),

We appreciate that technology can be temperamental at times which is why we have provided a good range of paper based activities as well to keep our children focused and learning.

Our website has been refreshed too and we now have home learning tabs for nursery, P1-P3 and P4-P7. We will also use our website to post updates and will add to the home learning task as the weeks progress - <https://bilston.mgfl.net/>  
Please also follow our Twitter page @BilstonPrimary and tweet us some updates and pictures.

If you require any other help or wish to contact us, please use the **Bilston.PS@midlothian.gov.uk** email address. If you need to contact a particular staff member, please mark your message FAO with the staff member's name and the message will be forwarded to them.

We know that this is a difficult and anxious time for everyone. The health and safety of our children and their families come first. Please take care of yourselves and each other.

I speak for all the staff when I say that we have appreciated all your support and kind words in recent weeks. Thank you very much from all the staff.

Bilston Primary is at the heart of a strong community and it will survive and thrive once this crisis is over. We are fortunate to have wonderful children at our school, who never cease to make us proud and amaze us with their resilience and determination. Hopefully it won't be long before we're all together again.

We are sending you all our very best wishes at this time and look forward to welcoming all our children back to school when we can.

Take care.

Yours sincerely

*Sheryl Wallace*

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