

UNCRC – Article 29 - Education should develop all talents, personality and abilities to the full.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Home Learning

We continue to thoroughly enjoy all the photos, videos and work we receive. We are very much in awe of what you as parents and carers are achieving with your children. Please be assured that we recognise that all families are faced with different challenges surrounding this unusual way of working and tasks completed will vary widely from home to home and even between siblings. Please continue to focus on encouraging your child and praising their efforts, recognising when they are tired or frustrated, and taking regular breaks. Good learning only happens when your child feels safe, happy and secure so please be guided by your child's emotional wellbeing as well as their physical health. And most of all...we urge you not to be hard on yourselves as parents. We continue to be flexible in a bid to meet the needs of all our families, so please don't hesitate to contact either your class teacher or our senior leadership team should you have any concerns or worries.

Jotters

We would like to thank the Parent Council for taking on board the distribution of jotters. If your child requires a new jotter then please visit the Parent Forum Facebook to find out how to collect a new one. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FerryhillParentForum/>

Whole School Event

Unfortunately, we will not be able to organise our annual Ferryhill School run in Duthie Park. However, the good news is the P7 House Captains will be 'meeting' to discuss an idea to involve a whole school challenge. Details will be shared shortly.

Seesaw

As time goes on we are now figuring out the best way to use Seesaw to support home learning at Ferryhill School. After feedback from several parents, we have agreed on the best 'whole school' approach.

- Learning grids will be sent by family & student .(These can be viewed on the Family and Class app)
- Support materials will be sent individually as 'activities' this allows children to respond, print and draw on the documents. (Can be viewed on the **class app only**)
- Additional important information will be sent by family & student announcements. (These can be viewed on the Family and class app)

Google Meet

As we progress using 'Google Meets' to allow the children to socialise with their peers and teachers we want to clarify a few points:

- All meetings are recorded in line with ACC policy.
- The children must all leave the meeting before the teacher will leave.
- Please only sign in with the children's ACC google details, external accounts are not able to be used to access a meeting.
- There will be a new code for each meeting so please wait for this to be sent a few minutes before the meeting time.

We have had great feedback so far and it is lovely to see the children's faces again.

Remember: Entries for the 'Online School Charter' are due by **Friday 22nd May**.

P1 Transition

We are currently awaiting more guidance from ACC on the timeline for transition but as a school, we are working behind the scenes to ensure this is as smooth as possible and similar to the planned transition, with a digital twist. We will be in touch soon with more details.

P7 Transition

Parents/carers of P7 pupils should have all received information regarding the transition to secondary school. If you have not received this please let us know.

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of everyone at Ferryhill School