Headteacher's Newsletter Friday 08 January 2021

Dear families,

Happy New Year to you from all at Pitlochry High School.

I hope you managed to find some time to relax and enjoy the Christmas holidays, although I have no doubt that it will be a distant memory!

As you know, we are back to home learning for most of our young people. The difference for our school community is that this time, our school is open for some children, eg children of key workers. Supervision in school will be delivered by a mixture of our staff from Nursery, Primary and Secondary and we are very grateful for their flexibility in making this possible.

Home learning starts as of Monday 11 January 2021. We will be running our normal school day, with Nursery staff contacting their groups through Seesaw and Facebook with activities and stories each day, Primary staff meeting their classes online through Seesaw and Teams for P6 and Secondary staff, following the school timetable, will be using a mixture of Teams and Google Classrooms. Secondary parents will be emailed with a weekly schedule of work.

There are help guides for Seesaw, Teams and Google Classrooms for parents on our website and remember that you can email or phone the school for help and advice during the week. If you have a problem with digital technology, please let us know and we will do our best to help.

As a parent, I know how challenging home learning is. Please remember that what you offer at home is a rich environment, full of learning opportunities for your children and you should be immensely proud of the achievements you have. If one day doesn't go entirely to plan, and we all have those days, please don't worry and just start again the next day. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to support our young people.

I have said to all staff and must remind you to make sure that you take time to get exercise and fresh air during the day, as it's a very different time of year and although the days are getting longer, it is still dark by 4pm.

Take care and stay safe.

Elaine Liney