



Uphall Primary and ELC Newsletter

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Website: <https://uphallprimary.westlothian.org.uk/>

March '20

COVID-19

We would like to reassure all our families that we continue to follow National and Local guidance to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The promotion of good hygiene has been highlighted across the school through posters, class/school discussions and hand washing demonstrations (Germ Busters Children's Animation Pack - Washing Your Hands). All pupils and staff have access to soap within toilets and classrooms.

We would recommend providing your child with a pack of tissues and hand wash/sanitiser for their personal use as required.

There are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol based hand sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport
- covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin.
- people who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or early learning and childcare setting
- children, pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:
 - before leaving home
 - on arrival at school/setting
 - after using the toilet
 - after breaks and sporting activities
 - before food preparation
 - before eating any food, including snacks
 - before leaving school/setting
- use an alcohol based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Further health information can be found at the link below:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>

Remember to visit our school blog/website and twitter feed for the most current information about our school.

Catriona Macrae (Head Teacher)

Dates for Diary Key Dates for 19/20

Parent Consultations
26th March

Easter Holidays
6th April to 19th April
All resume - 20th April

May Day Holiday
4th and 5th May
Pupils resume - 6th May

May Holiday
18th May
All resume - 19th May

P7 Leavers Assembly
Thursday 25th June

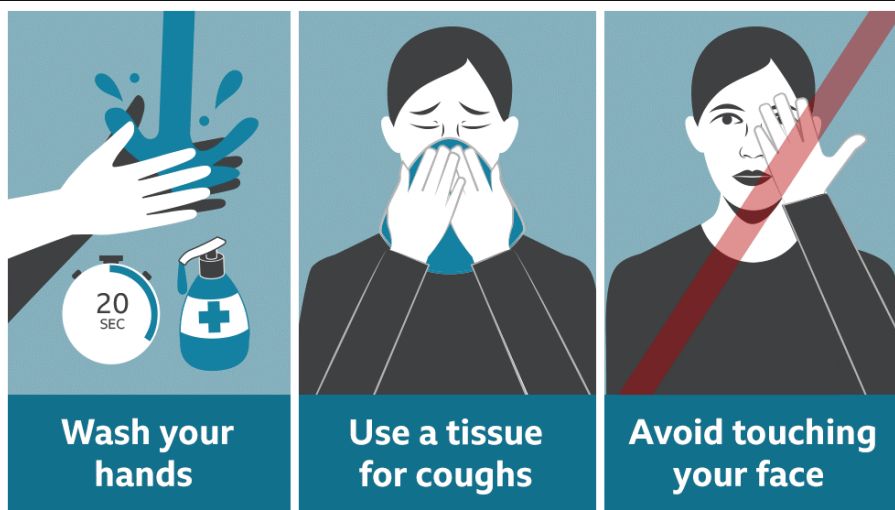
School Sports
Friday 5th June (TBC)

End of Term Church Services
Friday 26th June

Please note some dates and times are subject to change.

Visit our school glow blog/website for up to date information

Groupcall – Does the school have your current mobile number? If not, please contact the school office to update
Groupcall will be used for key communication from school or the authority



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Digiken

This session we have allocated funds to enhance our IT across the school, updating netbooks and laptops. In preparation for our delivery we will be focusing on developing learner engagement, knowledge and skills of IT through further promoting the use of GLOW.

Over the next few weeks P4-7 learners will:

- access Glow
- use their glow username and password
- know how to reset their password
- use their Glow account for learning
- become familiar with 0365 Microsoft tools
- access and use TEAMS for learning
- further understand how to use online tools – password security, appropriate use of internet/social media

P1-3 learners will be supported by their class teacher to:

- access key websites to enhance their learning
- daily visits to school Glow Blog
- how to post on school Glow Blog

West Lothian Council have launched Digiken/Digilearn to support staff to provide a progressive approach to improving the use of Glow for our learners. This includes a range of tutorials and step-by-step guidance.

Further information for parents/carers can be found at:

<https://glowconnect.org.uk/about-glow/glow-for-parents/>

Class Assembly Dates:

~~Friday 20th March~~ ~~Primary 3/2~~

~~Friday 27th March~~ ~~Primary 7R~~

Friday 3rd April - Easter Service

Please note dates are subject to change.

Assemblies start at 9.15am.

Due to the current health circumstances, the class assemblies above have been postponed.

Further information regarding our Easter Service will be shared as soon as possible.

School Communication

We use various methods to communicate with our parents which include:

- School Glow Blog/Website/Twitter
- Groupcall - update office with mobile number
- Termly newsletter
- Class Assemblies
- Sharing Our Learning Sessions
- Parent Consultations

Please ensure the school office has your current mobile phone number. Make sure you don't miss any important communication from school!

PARKING

Parent/carer parking outside school continues to be a problem, with near miss situations which may ultimately lead to a serious accident.

Please ensure you respect all our children by parking safely while dropping off or picking up your children. Drivers are not permitted to park/drop off on the zig-zag lines.

STAFF CAR PARK

Please remember parents, carers, pupils are not permitted to enter or use the staff car park. Keep our children safe and ensure you adhere to West Lothian Council policy.

Despite continually reminding all our families about this important safety notice there is still a minority of families who do not think this safety rule applies to them. Please don't be a selfish driver and think of the safety of everyone.