



# Ampertaine Primary School

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021**  
**Latest Information**



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued cooperation and participation in our 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Remote Learning. We understand this is a change from the norm and families are doing their best to manage home and school life at the same time.

## **Seesaw and Google Classroom**

- Materials will be available from **9pm the evening before**, giving time to print and be ready for the activities in the morning if you wish to do so. Parents using Seesaw please remember to click “view original”, this will allow sheets to be printed at the correct size.
- The Department of Education’s guidance to all schools for this lockdown has changed. Each teacher must continue to record daily attendance. **Children who are not active in remote learning will be recorded as absent.**
- Each child should leave a message and upload work every day, where possible. **Uploaded work will demonstrate participation and the school can record that accordingly in our system for attendance.**
- If you are unable to do the work for any reason please contact the school through our info account and **we can grant an attendance mark.**
- Parents, please feel free to fit the activities into your own schedule and not feel pressured to complete all activities on the days they are posted. This should help to accommodate parents who are key workers who require some flexibility to balance the various demands of life and work.
- Remember your teachers are available online every day during normal teaching hours.
- **Please read over all the instructions given by the teachers. These are very detailed with specific guidance for your children.**
- We reserve the use of Seesaw and Google Classroom solely as learning and teaching platforms. If you wish to get in contact with any queries or concerns about their work, we would ask that you continue to use the school info account.  
[info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk).
- Please remember to add the Name of the children and Class in the subject area. This will ensure the most efficient and effective communication between home and school in these challenging times.

## **Remember to click on ‘Learning’ tab on the website**

- PLEASE make use of the links and shortcuts to apps which can be found on our website. You simply have to click on the ‘Learning’ tab and this will bring you to the page. The information found here ranges in appropriateness for the pupils. We would ask parents to explore for themselves first. The links range in subjects and offer an alternative avenue to gain more activities for those at home. Some of the links require a sign up process to access the free material.  
We hope you find the links helpful and beneficial.

## **Launch of the RISE NI Parents website**

- Here is a link for parents with children in our school from Primary 1 up to Primary 4

<https://view.pagetiger.com/RISENI/parents>

- Hopefully you will find some useful ideas, to help support your child/ren, both now and in the future.



## ***Provision for children of Key Workers***

- While it is crucial that key workers are able to attend work, if there is a parent / guardian / elder sibling at home or other provision available to key workers, then you must use that provision. This is essential to avoid schools becoming overwhelmed and having to close completely on safety grounds. THE SAFEST PLACE FOR CHILDREN IS IN THEIR OWN HOME.
- In order to avoid mass lock-downs we ask anyone sending their children to school to be particularly vigilant. If a child shows any symptoms he / she should remain at home.
- Children will have their temperatures taken on arrival and will not be allowed entry should they be presenting with a high temperature.
- **Children should bring a packed lunch.**
- **Children should attend wearing their school uniform.**
- **If learning activities are paper based, these should be printed and brought to school.**

***Anyone who feels they may be entitled to apply for key worker provision needs to email Mr Dillon on [mdillon539@c2ken.net](mailto:mdillon539@c2ken.net) no later than 2p.m Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Please provide the following details:***

- parents names;
- a contact telephone number and email address;
- children's names, classes and teachers;
- parents' occupation that entitles you to key-worker provision; and
- which days you need your child to attend.



## **Ampertaine Stars**



This week Sebastian has made pancakes, played monopoly via Zoom with his cousins in England! It was lots of fun and Lucy won! He has finished Hedwig, his big brother Daniel helped as some of the parts were quite technical. The wings move by turning a handle. He's really proud of it and rightly so!



Daniel, Matthew K and his younger sister Hannah have started to build a Minecraft town together. They have been working very hard online to construct different buildings and features. What a fantastic idea. Can't wait to see the finished project.



Lacey has been making sure the swans are getting fed on her daily walks to The Dams! Super effort Lacey and great to see you getting out and about in the fresh air away. Good to get away from screen time.



A HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Ewan. Can you guess how old he was?? No clues..... That's right the big one zero. Double figures for Ewan now. We all hope he had a great day. Thanks for sending in the picture you have made us very jealous of the CAKE!



Katie has been used been working as a team with her Daddy. We are sure you will all agree the completed jigsaw is outstanding. Brilliant picture and team effort.



Adam has been extremely busy building his Harry Potter Lego which he received for Christmas and recently on his birthday. They all look amazing Adam and must have taken you a long time. Super effort.

If you have any pictures or news which you would like to share with our school community please send to [info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk).