



### COVID19

The Prime Minister has announced that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half-term and instead hopes it will be safe to commence the re-opening of schools and colleges from Monday 8 March. This is in response to the national public health data and pressure on NHS capacity.

If the Government achieves its target of vaccinating everyone in the four most vulnerable groups with their first dose by 15 February then those groups will have developed immunity from the virus around three weeks later, that is by 8 March.

Education settings, as well as students, parents and carers will be given at least two weeks' notice to prepare for a return to face-to-face education.

### Remote learning live lessons

Year 5 and Year 6 have enjoyed their first live lessons over the last two weeks and next week Year 3 and Year 4 will have the opportunity to connect live through Google Classroom.

Information about how to access Google Classroom is available in the parent section of our website and before your child's first lesson you will be contacted by Mrs Lister in the school office and asked to sign an Acceptable User Policy. After half term live lessons will be timetabled on the same day at the same time for individual classes to allow some routine to be established.

Please, please do not worry if these sessions do not fit in with your family day, routines or needs. They are not compulsory and are there to compliment the remote learning activities set on your child's class page. Our main concern is your health and well-being.

### Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 9th February Safer Internet Day will be celebrated globally with the slogan: "Together for a better internet". At Portobello, we will be centring all our learning around how we use technology to help raise our awareness of being safe online. The internet can be a really wonderful place. It has changed the way we live and now more than ever, we use it as a way to connect with others, learn new skills and live positively during our global pandemic. As a 'Safer Internet' home-learning task, I would ask you to send in a video or a picture showing how you have used technology during the last month. Have you face timed a friend? Created a dance? Taken part in an online lesson? Whatever it may be, we would love to see your clip/photograph. Watch this short video created by Apple. It may inspire your submission.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kl1NW7h7lrY>

To join in, upload your entry in the homework section of eschools. Clips/photographs should be uploaded by 3.30pm on Tuesday 9th February. Watch out for our Facebook video. Thank you, Mrs Lockhart SENCo & Computing Leader