



Whitehead
Primary School
& Nursery Unit

Monday 27 April

'LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER'

Dear Parent/Guardian

You have now finished your first week of home schooling using seesaw. I hope that all is going well and that everyone in your family and friendship circle is keeping well.

This week the teachers have been uploading the work the evening before work is to be completed. Given the different family circumstances that each teacher finds themselves in some of them might decide to upload work (for the net day) earlier in the day! Each teacher will confirm with you what time they will upload work at on a daily basis. They will upload at approximately the same time each day so that you know when to expect it.

It is important that your child attempts the work that has been set for them, however we are also acutely aware that every family is in very different circumstances. You have our full understanding and support.

If there is anything that we as a school community can do to support or help you in any way, please contact me. I am in school each Monday, Wednesday & Friday. I work from home on a Tuesday & Thursday. Please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or by email:

02893353280 or info@whiteheadps.whitehead.ni.sch.uk

AQE Registration Update

I received this email from AQE.

This is a very uncertain time for everyone involved in education, not least for parents and pupils. AQE is endeavouring to provide clarity to P6 pupils and parents about the arrangements for the tests which are scheduled to take place during the next academic year. Our Chief Executive intends to write to you in full over the next week or so regarding the assessment themselves.

*Registration is due to open on Wednesday 29th April 2020 for applications from parents of P6 children who will sit the AQE assessments in the Autumn. AQE Limited is having ongoing discussions with key stakeholders to ensure that the best possible provision is made for applicants and, for this reason, **the date of registration may be delayed.***

***Due to the circumstances caused by the continuing disruption of lockdown, AQE is moving completely to an online application process this year. It is hoped that the process will simplify the application procedure and will enable parents to upload electronic photographs, scanned birth certificates and pay online.** Detailed information can be found on the Registration Section of our website. The online form will go live on the date registration opens.*

I have attached the Guidance Notes which will be uploaded to the website in due course, in the hope that this might be of some help for parents completing the form online.

The Guidance Notes are included as a separate PDF. If you are sure that your child will definitely be doing the AQE test then you can register as soon as the registration opens, it may be delayed. If you are unsure then don't register your child immediately. Allow them to complete some of the tests which have been sent home. If you need any advice don't hesitate to contact their teachers or myself.

Stay Safe & SHINE