



Rushen Primary School

Learning and Growing

Tel: 01624 833308
Church Road
Port St Mary
Isle of Man
IM9 5LW

Headteacher Ms S Owens
Deputy Headteacher Miss H Wardman

email: RushenEnquiries@sch.im
<https://rushen.sch.im>

18.5.2020



Leading to Kirk Christ Church and Colby...

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are well. We are continuing to upload the Home Learning suggestions as usual, this week, for next week. We usually try to upload on Friday or Saturday, technology permitting, so that those of you who would like to plan the week ahead, can have a look through. Just as I wrote this letter draft, we weren't able to access the 'school cloud' (centrally managed) and it took us a bit longer to upload the Home Learning and add links - just typical! Anyway, it was eventually sorted out. As we have said before, though, please don't worry. You should do what you can and keep it simple.

The Island's Child Protection and Safeguarding Officer has forwarded the following to me and I thought it was important that all parents/carers saw it. We have done a lot of work with the pupils on online safety but now, more than ever, please remember to have those conversations and check what your children are accessing and sharing online.

Some of you may have seen the distressing headline in the Manx Independent last week. The story indicates that photos of young women have been harvested from social media sites and uploaded to a 'porn' site. The photos are not indecent but some do depict girls in school uniforms and some names have been added.

It would seem prudent to send out a reminder to all pupils and parents about the need to update privacy settings on social media sites regularly and also to think before posting any photos online. We all take online safety seriously and it is crucial that we remind everyone to look after themselves online. Many of you are already signed up to the Safer Schools App and this would be a great place to start for advice and guidance.

Some helpful sites which have advice and guidance for young people and parents on such issues are:

<https://www.childnet.com/young-people>
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>
<https://swgfl.org.uk/>

Fire and Rescue Service

I received an email from David at the Fire and Rescue Service.

The Fire and Rescue service have recorded a firefighter reading a book with a fire safety theme. The book the firefighter reads is 'Frances The Firefly' which is a lovely story with a fire safety educational message. There are some learning resources so parents could watch the video and then conduct home learning with their children if they wish and this can be found on The Isle of Man Fire and Rescue Service Facebook page.

The Isle of Man Fire and Rescue Service are also running a competition for all the young people throughout the Isle of Man to see who can draw the best and most uplifting rainbow picture. The brightest and best pictures will be put up in the fire stations throughout the Island for everyone to see. If you are at home with parents then draw your picture, but ask your mum or dad to take a photo of your picture and then e-mail the picture to david.dallimore@gov.im and we will arrange for it to be printed off and displayed if yours is chosen.

Take care and stay safe,

Ms Owens

Headteacher
Rushen Primary School