

Remote Learning and Teaching – Parent Guidance, 8th January 2021

Remote learning will begin for the majority of children and young people on Monday 11 January.

The school has previously taken the decision to move to a single online platform – Microsoft TEAMS - to provide a consistent approach to digital learning for pupils, staff and parents.

All classes have a TEAM to facilitate learning from home. Throughout Term 1 teachers have been providing regular reminders to pupils to direct them to the supports available through TEAMS and most classes have been making use of online materials to supplement in-class learning.

With this in mind, and taking into account Local Authority advice, we have devised the following key principles in order to ensure pupils have a consistent remote learning experience across all subject areas.

- While we appreciate a degree of flexibility will be required to fit around individual family circumstances, we would ask that pupils follow as far as possible their existing timetable.
- Teachers will continue to deliver learning planned for this term. Although it may not be possible to deliver at the same pace as in school learning it is our expectation that pupils continue their learning journey throughout this period. New content will be introduced, and teachers have been asked to ensure learning materials are available to cover allocated class time in departments.
- Our digital learning offer will include a range of methods to engage learners which can include:
 - posting activities/online tasks etc.
 - access to recorded lessons or narrated power points
 - opportunities for pupils to engage with teachers directly via chat facility or comments on Teams page
 - live lessons
 - opportunities to provide feedback to learners.

In order to facilitate this, we have asked teachers to identify times when they will be available to host interactive sessions for each class to discuss work issued, answer any questions pupils may have or to deliver live lessons. These interactive sessions will be scheduled as far as possible according to the school timetable to avoid clashes with other subjects. Teachers will inform pupils of their availability via class TEAMS.

We would encourage parents/carers to work together with their child to consider the resources available on each of their subject TEAMS site. These will include notes, presentations, questions, web links, video clips, as well as exercises for pupils to complete at home and return to their teacher for feedback. We would suggest that this takes place on a regular basis throughout the week for pupils in all year groups, where possible.

We will ask PTs and class teachers to monitor pupil engagement and to alert Pupil Support and/or Year Head where they have concerns about any individual's progress.

Access to TEAMS is via your child's GLOW log on and staff will be available to reset GLOW passwords promptly. Please email parkmainshighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk if your child cannot access Glow or a particular class TEAM.

Should you have any further questions regarding Remote Access from home or the use of TEAMS please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher.

We aim to provide regular updates on any new Remote Learning resources that become available.

Additional Digital Resources

Links to subject specific digital learning materials will be posted by teachers on individual class TEAMS. The links below refer to the National and Renfrewshire e-Learning offer.

National e-Learning Offer (e-Sgoil)

This page will be regularly reviewed and updated with the latest information about the range of resources and materials which make up the National e-Learning offer.

<https://education.gov.scot/improvement/national-e-learning-offer/online-interactive-sessions-for-learners/>

Renfrewshire Remote Learning Resource – Secondary

Over the past 9 months, the Renfrewshire Digital Learning Team have created a library of resources to help support home learning.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/remotelearning/>