



**MULLAGLASS PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

**Remote Learning Policy**

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### **Introduction**

During this period of long term closure, staff at Mullaglass Primary School will continue to provide education and support to our children using remote learning. All learning will be conducted using the Seesaw Class and app. This will allow staff to keep in daily contact in a professional and confidential manner with their class.

Teachers will be able to schedule learning in a manner that does not overwhelm our children. Teaching and learning can be tailored, changed and updated as time progresses, allowing for replication of classroom activity to the best of our ability. In all communications we will prioritise the wellbeing of our children.

### **Flexibility of Learning**

We realise that the circumstances that cause our school to close will affect families in a number of ways. In our planning and expectations, we are aware of the need for flexibility from all sides:-

- Parents may be trying to work from home so access to technology as a family may be limited;
- Parents may have two or more children trying to access technology and need to prioritise the needs of young people studying towards GCSE/A Level accreditation;
- Teachers may be trying to manage their home situation and the learning of their own children;
- Systems may not always function as they should.

An understanding of, and willingness to adapt to, these difficulties on all sides is essential for success.

### **Expectation Management**

We believe that it is in the best interests of our children that we continue to provide structured support to the best of our ability. Bearing in mind the need for flexibility, no deadlines for the completion of work will be set.

It must be noted that the work children engage in during a period of closure will be part of our current planning and so cannot be considered as optional. Children and parents should consider the arrangements as set out in this document as highly recommended.

### **Teaching Staff will:**

- Share teaching and activities with their class through the Seesaw app;
- Continue teaching in line with current, extensive planning that is already in place throughout the school; however, small adjustments may be made if some topics are considered to be more easily taught remotely than others;

- Accept the fact that learning remotely will be more difficult, so tasks will be set in smaller steps to allow for this;
- Keep in contact with children through the Seesaw app only;
- Reply to messages, set work and give feedback on activities during the normal teaching hours 9.00 am - 2:00/3.00pm;
- Allow flexibility in the completion of activities, understanding that the circumstances leading to our closure will affect families in a number of ways;
- Take regular breaks away from the computer or iPad to engage in other professional duties as much as circumstances allow e.g. Policy Development;
- If unwell themselves, be covered by another staff member for the sharing of activities. Follow up of messages on the Seesaw app during this time will not be undertaken until the teacher is fit to work.

**Children will:**

- Be assured that wellbeing is at the forefront of our thoughts and the need for children to take regular breaks, get fresh air, exercise and maintain a reasonable balance between online engagement and offline activities;
- Regularly complete work set by the teacher
- Only send messages and queries that are in relation to tasks set by the teacher or in response to questions the teacher may ask them directly;
- Only access the material shared by their teacher and ask for parental permission to use technology for anything beyond that;
- Consider using the school closure time to learn a new skill, follow their own interests to discover more about the world around us or to be creative.

**Parents will:**

- Support their child's learning to the best of their ability;
- Encourage their child to access and engage with Seesaw posts from their teacher;
- Refrain from screenshotting or copying any information, messages or posts to share on social media or any other platform outside of the Seesaw apps;
- Know they can continue to contact their class teacher as normal through the Seesaw app or via email if they require support of any kind;
- Check their child's completed work each day and encourage the progress that is being made;
- Be mindful of mental well-being of both themselves and their child and encourage their child to take regular breaks, play games, get fresh air and relax;

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