



Remote / Blended Learning Policy

St. Canice's Primary School, Feeny

Remote learning is where the children and the teacher are not physically present in the classroom.

The teacher provides information, lessons and activities through an online platform and children will do their best to return their work to the teacher.

An effective home-school platform allows communication between the teacher and the children, in a managed and well communicated way.

Blended learning, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, occurs when some children in a class may be at home participating in remote learning while some children are in school receiving face-to-face instruction from the teacher.

Possible scenarios during the 2020-2021 academic year.

- Whole class / school at home for a period of time (e.g. isolation or lockdown)
- A number of the children in the class learning at home due to medical conditions or isolating due to Covid19.
- Online homework in place of traditional paper homework.

Every pupil should be signed up to Google Classroom for the purposes of homework and home learning.

It is important that children log in every day to Google Classroom to register by commenting a greeting to their teacher and classmates. We feel this helps the children from a pastoral care point of view and so that their teacher can see they are engaged.

Teachers must have evidence of learning on any of our platforms e.g. Google Classroom, Reading Eggs, Mathletics, Accelerated Reading (P4-7) or just2easy or they will be deemed as absent as detailed by the Department of Education.

It is important to monitor all children, noting any pupil who does not participate in Remote Learning for 3 consecutive days. Although there may be good reason for this suitable contact should be made with the child's parents by the class teacher to ensure that they have support and advice, if needed.

Whole Class / School At Home for an Extended Period Of Time.

If the whole class is to remain at home, then remote learning will take place provided the teacher is well.

Appropriate arrangements will be made for the class if the teacher is unavailable.

Work Online will be supplemented with "Home Learning Pack" distributed to all pupils.

- Messaging on Classroom will be available during periods of remote learning, only between 9am and 3.00pm each day.
- Teachers should schedule or upload online materials to be accessible by pupils by 9.15am.
- Children will receive activities for each day. Normally, one numeracy, one literacy and topic or other work.
- It cannot be assumed that all parents will be at home, children may be at childminders or grandparents; children need to be made aware of how to complete each activity. This can be facilitated through instructions posted within Classroom or with a supporting video if available.
- Children may send back their work to be marked throughout the day. The teacher should attempt to mark work returned between 9am and 3.45pm.
- Any work sent back after 3.00pm may not be marked until after 9am the next teaching day.

Some Children In The Class Are At Home Due To A Medical Condition Or Because They Are Isolating Due to Covid19.

Children may have to stay at home for up to 14 days or more because of advice from the PHA due to Covid19, or because of an illness which requires them to shield.

Parents may request work for them during this time.

- Teachers will not be available on Google Classroom from 9am - 3pm. Teachers will be carrying out their teaching duties for the day.
- Work will be sent home to children after 3pm each day.
- Children will receive activities for each day. Normally, one numeracy, one literacy and topic or other work.
- These activities will be based, on what the children in class are learning during the particular day/week.
- It cannot be assumed that all parents will be at home, children may be at childminders or grandparents; children need to be made aware of how to complete each activity. This can be facilitated through instructions posted within Google Classroom or with a supporting video if available.
- Online activities set as homework during the 2020-2021 academic year, should also be completed by those children who are learning at home.
- Due to the teacher completing their normal teaching duties, work that children send back to teachers may not be marked straight away.

Homework For The 2020-2021 Academic Year (when the school is not in Lockdown).

Due to the Covid19 guidance from the Department of Education in August 2020, it is recommended that as little paper as possible is sent from school to home and vice versa. Because of this, children will complete a mix of paper homework (to be kept at home) and/ or Google Classroom activities. This will vary depending on the age of the children.

Reading Book(s)/ Novels/ (or packs in P1&2) will be sent home regularly. Children bring books back into school when the teacher requires them.

Spelling Lists and Activities:

Spelling Lists and activities will be sent home either through Google Classroom or paper copies

Numeracy, Literacy and any other activities:

Numeracy, Literacy and any other activities will be sent home through Google Classroom or paper copy. Work completed by the child can be returned via Google Classroom or answers will be supplied by the teacher.

Online platforms such as Mathletics, Reading Egg etc may be used as homework activities.



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Google Classroom Information For Parents.

At St. Canice's we pride ourselves on ensuring excellent communication between home and school. As part of this we will be using Google Classroom as a communication tool and also as a medium for home learning and homework and in a way in which we can support our pupils emotional needs through home learning situations.

The school have made children aware of the Online Safety / etiquette guidelines and they are reminded of these regularly.

Please Note

- Parents should telephone the school if they need to send a message to the class teacher during the school day or email info@stcanicesps.derry.ni.sch.uk
- St. Canice's staff will only endeavour to answer general queries regarding activities set through Google Classroom.
- All other communication continues to be carried out via the school office.
- Teachers will not be required to use Google Classroom after 4pm each day, during normal teaching days.
- Parents SHOULD NOT screenshot or share any information on social media or any other platform outside of Classroom.

Guidelines for Children When Using Google Classroom

- Post your work in a responsible and sensible manner.
- Tell an adult straight away if you have any problems with Google Classroom.
- Do not give your sign-up details to anyone except for parents/carers.
- Only post photographs of your homework sheets on Google Classroom.
- If you have to take a photo or video for your homework, please do it in a room with your parents/carers present.
- Show your homework/ classwork to your parents/carers before you send it to your teachers.
- Content on Google Classroom should not be shared on any other apps or on social media.