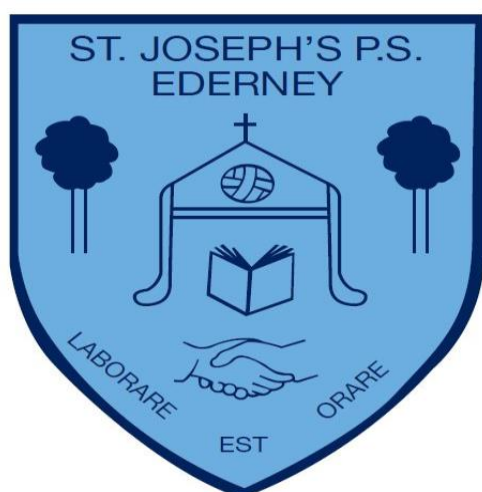


# St. Joseph's P.S. & Ederney Community Nursery



## Remote Learning Policy

**Remote learning** takes place when everyone is advised to stay at home ie. Lockdown. Therefore, the children and the teacher are not physically present in the classroom. The teacher provides information, lessons and activities through an online platform or in a prepared pack, and children are asked 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** in its current guise 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/part class to isolate at home for a period of time.
- A child in the class learning at home due to medical conditions or isolating due to Covid19.
- Online homework in place of traditional paper homework.

### Whole school at home due to Lockdown

- In the event that schools are asked to close, teachers will provide the children with a mixture of daily on-line and paper activities.
- Paper packs will be prepared with activities/tasks that the children are familiar with in school eg. Mental Maths, Spelling, Comprehension, handwriting etc.
- Teachers will then set daily activities via Teams/ Seesaw.
- Children will receive a daily schedule, advising them of the activities to be carried out from either the pack or on-line each day.
- On-line activities will be marked each day and feedback returned.
- Teachers can be contacted via Teams/Seesaw or Email between 9am and 3pm.
- It is important to monitor all children during remote learning. Teachers will inform the principal if children are not engaging in lessons or if they have engaged and suddenly stopped. Teachers or principal may call the home to check in with the family and offer support and advice if needed.

## Whole/part class at home for a period of time.

- If the whole class is to remain at home, then remote learning will take place, provided the teacher is well.
- The teacher will use Teams or Seesaw to communicate with their class during the school day. This could be done through text instructions or a video or audio recording.
- The teacher will upload daily activities and mark these, providing feedback.
- The teacher can be contacted via Team/Seesaw or Email between 9am and 3pm.
- It is important to monitor all children during remote learning. Teachers will inform the principal if children are not engaging in lessons or if they have engaged and suddenly stopped. Teachers or principal may call the home to check in with the family and offer support and advice if needed.

## Some children in the class at home due to medical conditions or isolating due to Covid19 (remainder of class at school)

- Children may have to stay at home 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 Seesaw/Teams from 9am – 3pm. Teachers will be carrying out their teaching duties for the day.
- Work will be prepared and sent home to the children.
- The teacher could create a Seesaw/Teams group and provide activities based on what the children in class are learning during the particular day/week.
- Due to the teacher completing their normal teaching duties, work that children send back to teachers may not be marked straight away but will be marked as soon as possible.

## Seesaw/Teams guidelines.

### **Guidelines for children**

- Post your work in a responsible and sensible manner.
- Only post up pictures of your activities or questions to your teacher.
- Don't tag any other students in your work.
- Tell an adult straight away if you have any problems with the app.
- Do not give your log in details to anyone except for parents/carers.
- When you take a photo or video for your homework, please do it in a room with your parents/carers present.
- Show your homework to your parents/carers before you send it to your teachers.
- Content on Seesaw/Teams should not be shared on any other apps or on social media.

*Anything that is done which doesn't follow the guidelines above, will result in parents/carers being contacted.*

### **Guidelines for parents.**

- Talk to your children about appropriate use of their on-line school platform.
- Check what your child is posting on their Team.
- Do NOT comment on another child's work.
- Parents SHOULD NOT screenshot or share any information from Seesaw/Teams.