

St John's Remote Learning Policy –January 2021

“Effective learning will take place where there is a positive climate and a range of experiences that promote the development of pupils’ thinking skills through active involvement in their own learning. Teachers will use a range of teaching approaches which enable them to interact with learners and provide motivating experiences, relevant to their needs.” **HGIOS QI 5.2 – Teaching for Effective Learning**

Attendance at School

Following the First Minister’s announcement on Monday 4th January, only children of key workers (both parents) and vulnerable children will be able to attend school until 1st February (date to be reviewed). All other children will engage in online learning throughout this period. Applications for pupils who are eligible to attend school have been processed and given the recent rise in transmission, we must stress the importance of staying at home if at all possible to do so. Arrangements for children who will attend will be communicated directly with the families concerned.

Rationale

St John’s recognises that high quality learning and teaching is at the heart of meeting learners’ needs and improving outcomes for children. Our curriculum is firmly rooted in the principles of curriculum design – breadth, coherence, challenge and enjoyment, depth, relevance progression and personalisation and choice – and focuses on developing all learners as successful, confident individuals, who contribute positively and responsibly to the school and wider community.

Whilst children are learning from home, the following should be expected:

- Log-in Details for GLOW/Google Classroom, Literacy Planet and Sumdog
- Daily check-ins with teachers via Google Classroom
- New content taught via Loom or Screencastify
- Daily uploading of tasks for completion
- Feedback provided to learners on work uploaded
- Direct messaging/phone calls to pupils who do not appear to be engaging



Visit [‘How to’ videos](#) for support on how to access Google Classroom, SeeSaw, Glow and Duolingo or feel free to contact us via the [form](#) on Twitter if you need any support. Our [Home Learning Site](#) is also still available with additional resources and activities.

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Continuity and Progression

Teaching staff are committed to addressing gaps in learning and we are aware of the importance of progressing learning whilst children are learning from home. We therefore ask for your cooperation in ensuring your child/ren engage in online learning as much as possible. We understand the challenges associated with this and we are realistic in our expectation of task completion. Prioritising Literacy and Numeracy if time is proving to be a challenge would be preferable.

We are also aware that it is not always possible to spend time teaching concepts to your child which is why we intend to make greater use of digital approaches such as Loom. Class teachers and SLT are still working and are available to discuss any difficulties or concerns. Our [support for remote learning](#) document also has some helpful hints and tips.

Digital Devices

If your child requires a digital device to access home learning please contact the school office for this to be arranged. Please ensure you take good care of the device and send it in with your child immediately upon return to school, after cleaning it with antibacterial wipes. Any issues with the device related to functionality or damage should be reported to the school office. Please note that the device should not be used for activities that are not linked to learning and teaching and a user disclaimer must be signed upon collection.

Homework

Additional homework tasks beyond those set for completion between the hours of 9 and 3 will not be set, however, class teachers may assign tasks to individual pupils in order to reduce learning gaps or provide further consolidation of concepts if they feel this will be of benefit to your child.

Evidence of Learning

Evidence of home learning can be uploaded to SeeSaw or Google Classroom. Class teachers will be tracking pupil engagement with learning across the week and will record this using a tool devised by East Renfrewshire Council. This will enable us to work more closely with children and families who are finding it difficult to engage. If you are having any issues with uploading work please complete the form hyperlinked above.

Class teachers are going to post daily check-in questions. Please encourage your child to post a response throughout the course of the day as a means of letting the teacher know that they are online.

Guidance for Parents

The Scottish Government publish guidance following any new announcements, the latest of which can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-school-re-opening-arrangements-for-january-2021/>

Please be assured of our ongoing support as we re-engage with online learning and do not hesitate to contact the school if there is anything you need during this time. Whilst following this policy, we continue to pray for the safe return of pupils to our school in the not-too-distant future. In the meantime, it is important that we work together and rely on our shared values of faith, love and understanding to guide us as we move forward.