

ST DAVID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Closure and Remote Learning Arrangements



Date: 08/01/21

Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter contains important information regarding our plans for Remote Learning which will recommence for all pupils on Monday 11th January 2021.

Our school building will remain open to some pupils in line with Government guidance. When in attendance, we will support those pupils to access and complete their remote learning from their Class Teacher. Lunches are available for those pupils attending – those in receipt of Free School Meals will continue to receive these and those who wish to purchase a lunch will be invoiced as standard practice.

School staff will be in attendance every day. You can contact us via the school office on 0300 300 0198 or alternatively email us stdavidsenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk. To engage in learning and communicate directly with your child's class teacher, please access Seesaw.

We will continue to share our weekly update via the school website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/stdavids/> and also on our school Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Remote Learning

For all stages, teachers will share the learning tasks for the day via our school website and Seesaw. School staff are creating high quality learning content to ensure our learners continue to achieve their potential. As such, teachers will be registering the children each day to ensure that all of our pupils are able to access remote learning.

On our website, pupils can access an overview of the school day and the tasks planned for them to progress their learning.

This overview as well as detailed activities, videos and interactive communication with Class Teachers will be available on Seesaw for all pupils. Pupils should respond to the activities with any requests for help, queries, comments and completed tasks.

Each day at 9.30am, the overviews will be posted online as well as the morning activities for pupils. These will be followed up by a midday activity at 11am and an afternoon activity at 1.30pm. We hope that this will support our families to maintain routines at home and keep the momentum going to support our pupils. However, we fully understand that there are lots of priorities at home and that the learning may need to take place at alternative times – this is absolutely fine. We encourage our families to find a routine and balance that suits their needs and to engage in learning when they can.

Seesaw will be the main platform we are using for remote learning – listening to feedback from our surveys, this has been highly rated by our families and also is a tool that we are familiar with. Seesaw allows teachers to view who has seen posts and activities, as well as to share these with pupils and communicate with them in a safe environment.

Please be aware that communication and responses to tasks are only visible between the pupil and the teacher and not to the whole class.

Staff will be available to provide help and support as well as feedback on completed learning tasks.

Seesaw can be accessed by a web browser on a device with internet access but can also be accessed as an app on a smartphone. Pupils will only require to be online for short bursts so will not require access to a personal device all day. Listening to the feedback from our surveys, we know that some pupils will require to share a device – we hope that this method of remote learning will enable them to access the activities and then complete the tasks offline meaning that device access is minimal.

If you have no access to a smartphone or other device which has basic internet access, please contact the school and we will try to find a workaround to support your child to engage in remote learning.

Learning Packs

In order to support some aspects of remote learning, teachers have created a pack containing a variety of items which will be required at home. The pack will also include a copy of your child's Seesaw login and Sumdog login.

These can be collected from the school on Tuesday 12th January from the side access door in the main corridor – we will clearly sign this on the day.

If you are able to collect your child(ren)'s pack, we ask that only one member of the household enters the school grounds to collect the pack and that a face covering is worn and 2m physical distancing is adhered to at all times.

If your child is in attendance at school on Tuesday 12th January, they will bring home their pack and you do not require to collect it.

If you are unable to collect the learning pack from the school for any reason, please contact us to discuss an alternative arrangement.

We know that this is a challenging time for everyone and not how we had hoped to start our year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our school community for your kind comments and messages and also to remind you that we are available if you need anything at all. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if we can assist you in any way.

Yours sincerely,



Linda Berry

Head Teacher