



# Newton Primary School

## Remote Learning via Google Classroom

Information around the agreed arrangements for remote learning during the COVID 19 pandemic.

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### How Will Online Remote Learning work?

- Learning tasks will be shared daily on Google Classroom for each individual class.
- Tasks will be scheduled for 5pm the day before in the Google Classroom to allow families to prepare for the following day. Teachers will also include any timings for live sessions.
- It is important to keep structure and routine and a suggested overview of additional daily tasks is provided to help families create a timetable for the day. This should be used to compliment set learning provided by class teachers, if required.
- Children will be provided with 3 learning tasks per day - 1 numeracy, 1 literacy and 1 other curricular area task.
- A **Morning Check-In** will be posted each day at 9.00am encouraging the children to log on to their Google Classroom and say hello to their teacher. This may include a short welcome task or a check-in that can be accessed throughout the day.
- Children are encouraged to comment/reply on this post to say hello if they wish.
- **Snack and Story** will be shared every day by class teachers and will take a variety of formats throughout the week e.g. live Google Meet, recorded by class teacher or author's live/online link.
- **Live Google Meet** will be offered by class teachers at least 3 times per week. The focus of this session is to allow a Health and Wellbeing check in with the children and may take the form of a check-in, quiz, virtual circle time, feedback session. See additional Google Meet guidance to support accessing this. Please be patient with any technical issues!

### What Will Learning Tasks Look Like?

- Tasks may consolidate the learning and will provide new learning as appropriate.
- Learning Intentions and Success Criteria will be clearly shared with children along with the learning tasks.
- Clear instructions will be provided to ensure children know what is expected of them.
- Tasks may be written or creative – children can record their learning online via the Google Docs and forms shared by the teacher in their Google classroom. They may also use their allocated Digital Jotter to record learning or paper jotters issued earlier in the year
- Tasks will be prepared and set on Google Classroom along with any materials or resources required e.g. PPTs, recorded demonstrations, instructions.
- Pupils will be encouraged to share work with their class teacher and feedback will be given as appropriate.

### Access to Resources

- Parents/Carers, at their earliest convenience should inform the school of any barriers to learning at home during the remote learning period. This may include, but is not limited to:
  - ICT equipment that is available
  - Access to internet
  - Equipment – paper/pens etc.
  - Language barriers
- Resources can be collected from the school foyer if required.
- Parents are asked to respect all 2m distancing procedures in place for everyone's safety when collecting resources.

### How can we contact the class teacher?

- The class teacher is contactable during the school hours via Google Classroom. Class teachers may not respond immediately and enquiries should be related to learning only.

### How Can You Support Your Child with Remote Learning?

- Vary tasks – a balance between screen time and other activities is important.
- Encourage your child to engage in the learning provided by teachers each day, where possible.
- In addition to school set learning, they should have opportunities to be creative and explore their own interests.
- Encourage some outdoor play and fresh air – go a walk for example.
- Encourage plenty of hydration – drinking water helps hydrate the brain and promotes learning.
- If your child finds any learning difficult, do not pressurise them, contact the teacher and ask for support, they may be able to provide an explanation in a different way or a link to a clip that may help.