**Arrangements for remote learning for the week beginning** Monday 11th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year, whilst it is not the start we were hoping for, we are confident that our staff will rise to the challenges of remote learning and provide engaging and high quality learning for our pupils.

As directed by the Scottish Government remote learning will begin from Monday 11th January, the following arrangements are in place to ensure continuity of learning for your child during this challenging time.

Nursery staff will update learning through the Learners’ Journals.

Primary 1-3 will engage in learning activities through Seesaw, which all children have access to using the Seesaw App via <https://app.seesaw.me>. Parents have already been issued with individual access codes for their child.

Primary 3/4-7 will use Microsoft 0365 Team, which can be accessed through their Glow account. Information for parents on how their child uses Teams is available on the following link:

[bit.ly/wlglowguide](http://bit.ly/wlglowguide)

Your child is required to access Seesaw/Teams **daily** to engage with the planned teaching and learning experiences. Each platform allows your child to participate in a variety of lessons, engage in learner conversation, share their learning, receive feedback and support where required. Pupils who are attending school will complete the tasks set by their teacher online. Arrangements are being set up to allow parents to collect resources such as jotters and pencils from the foodbank shop in the Main Street. Further advice will be given when these are in place.

To support parents/carers to manage home learning and ensure a consistent approach across the school and our cluster here are details of what to expect:

**Learning in P1-3 will be on Seesaw and consist of:**

8.45 am – Teacher check in with pupils and explanation of tasks for the day

11 am – Teacher led learning

1.15 – Further teacher check in and feedback on tasks

3pm - Final teacher check in and feedback on tasks

**Learning in P3/4 -7 will be on Teams and consist of:**

8.45 am – Teacher check in with pupils and explanation of tasks for the day

11am – Teacher led learning

1.15 – Further teacher check in and feedback on tasks

3pm - Final teacher check in and feedback on tasks

Pupils can access these platforms using games consoles such a PS4/5 or Xbox. Additional assistance is available for those using mobile data. Please contact the school for advice if required

We appreciate that remote learning can be challenging for families so please don’t hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or require further information or support on 01501 740452 or [wlstjosephwhit-ps@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:wlstjosephwhit-ps@westlothian.org.uk).

Please be assured our school team will continue to provide all available support to your child and family where we can during this challenging period.

Yours faithfully,

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