

Dear Parent/Carer,

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 time.

Classes P1 P2 and P2/3 will receive learning experiences shared through Seesaw, which all children have access to using the Seesaw App as shared previously through group call P3/4, P4, P5, P6 and P7 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

It is expected that your child accesses Seesaw/Teams daily to engage with the planned teaching and learning experiences. Each platform allows your child to participate in live and/or recorded lessons, engage in learner conversation, share their learning, receive feedback and support where required.

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

Learning in P1, P2 and P2/3 will consist of: Daily work set on Seesaw in literacy, numeracy, HWB and an additional area. The children will experience direct teaching instructions through voice-overs, pre-recorded videos and links to video instruction. Seesaw enables the teacher to record feedback to individuals and the children to load their own questions and responses.

Learning in P3/4, P4, P5, P6 and P7 will consist of: Daily work set on Teams in literacy, numeracy, HWB and an additional curriculum area. The children will experience direct teaching instructions through voice-overs, pre-recorded videos and links to video instruction. Teams enables the teacher to give feedback through assignments (when set) which are anonymous. In addition, Teams enables whole class and group interaction with class teacher at points during the school day.

Remote learning can be very difficult for families so please do get in touch with the school via e mail or phone and someone will respond to you as soon as possible:

wlmidcalder-ps@westlothian.org.uk

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

Kind regards,
Hazel Thurlow

