



## Parent/Carer update on Remote Learning Arrangements from 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

As you know, our focus between August-December has been pupils' readiness to learn at home, e.g. homework being delivered through Google Classroom; chromebooks and mifi devices being made available to families with no IT provision at home; all pupils being taught high level digital learning experiences, in addition to parent/carers support materials being shared. We have already had a number of pupils self-isolating, resulting in their learning being uploaded and the feedback from families has been extremely positive.

*Safety First* being the main priority or driver for the current lockdown restrictions, but continuity of learning is also our priority. We will continue to provide valuable learning experiences during this period of restrictions on a remote learning basis. Next week will largely be a consolidation week, which will help staff establish where pupils' learning levels are, and help inform pupils' next steps. From 18<sup>th</sup> January, new and progressive learning will be delivered. This will be shared in a number of ways, age and stage appropriate.

It is extremely important therefore, that pupils engage/take part in their daily learning sessions in order to avoid missing ongoing learning. Every class have a "check-in" system and we urge parents/carers to facilitate this. Pupils already know how to do this, but we appreciate that some pupils may need to be encouraged to do this!

Each teacher will also upload times when he/she is available online to support pupils' learning/answer any specific questions. Please also note, however that each teacher will be supporting our Hubs one day per week. On these days, their focus will be the pupils who are inside the building, so are not likely to be available for feedback or questions on these days. If the matter is urgent, please use our school email addresses instead as there will be a member of Senior Leadership Team in school every day.

A suggested learning timetable will be made available, but please only use this if this suits your own home circumstances. Each family has its own needs, and the intention is not to put pressure on households.

Staff have been very busy preparing pre-recorded teaching strategies for certain aspects of the curriculum. These will be uploaded, where relevant, in addition to assignment instructions. Links to other supported resources will be included as part of our evolving Remote Learning offer.

In addition to supporting our learners, we aim to keep supporting parents/carers in as many ways as we can. We will continue to communicate with families via our school app, website, twitter, email, text or telephone calls. In the meantime, please find below some suggested links for parents/carers:

A [Parent Club COVID-19 internet microsite](#), which contains advice on working from home whilst caring for children, advice on helping children with remote and blended learning as well as links to advice and support resources for parents of children with additional support needs.

Education Scotland's [Parentzone Scotland](#) website includes advice for parents, families and practitioners on supporting children and young people's learning during COVID-19. Education Scotland's [Scotland Learns](#) initiative provides newsletters and online resources for teachers and parents/carers.