

8th January 2021

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.

P1-P3 will receive learning experiences shared through Seesaw, which all children have access to using the Seesaw App.

P4-P7 will use Microsoft 0365 Teams, 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/wglowguide

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 Whitburn cluster and school here are specific details of what to expect:

Learning in P1-3 will consist of:

Staff will be online daily where children will be able to engage with their teacher and access learning tasks and activities. There will be literacy, numeracy and Health and Wellbeing learning tasks provided with a teaching video shared each day to support independent learning. Staff will identify when they will be available online and share the routines of the online learning day, ensuring flexibility for families.

Learning in P4-7 will consist of:

The focus for learning will also be on the core areas of Literacy, Numeracy and HWB although there will be interdisciplinary learning opportunities to further develop skills from other areas such as Art and design or Technology. Learning opportunities and activities shared will foster independence and there will be daily opportunities for children to engage with their teachers to check-in, ask questions and/or participate in teaching sessions. Teachers will identify and share when they will be available for these sessions across the week to allow children the opportunity to plan for engagement in sessions and develop flexible routines that fit into with busy family life.

It is important to highlight that remote learning is not about children being on a digital device between 8.50am and 3.15pm each day but that a range of activities will be provided daily for children to complete at a time which suits your own home situation. These activities will include both online activities and activities that can be completed away from the digital device and internet.


Teaching staff will, at times, also be in school supporting the children who are attending school in person. Teachers will ensure that these arrangements are shared so you are aware of when this is.

Remote learning can be very difficult for families so please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or require further information:

whitdale-ps@westlothian.org.uk 01501 749975 (during normal school hours).

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

Yours sincerely



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