



## Carrick Knowe Primary School

### Learning At Home

#### Information for Parents/Carers

Unfortunately, due to the rise in positive cases of Covid-19, our school buildings are closed to the vast majority of our children and staff. This is not the situation any of us wanted to be in, however, the team at Carrick Knowe have been busy planning to ensure Learning At Home is as effective and stress free for parents and carers as possible!

#### Learning Grids

Learning activities will be shared with all pupils and parents in the Learning Grid style, similar to those we used during lockdown 2020. Learning Grids will be sent out via Learning Journals on a Sunday by 8pm. This gives children, parents and carers the opportunity, if they wish, to look at them before beginning on the Monday. An additional copy of these will also be available on our website ([www.carrickknoweprimary.com/learninggrids](http://www.carrickknoweprimary.com/learninggrids)) or by going to the 'For Our Parents' section.

#### Class Teacher Interaction with children

##### P1s and 2s

Our P1 and P2 teachers will post two videos daily via Learning Journals. One will be a check in with all the children and a general chat, story etc. The second will focus on an aspect of learning e.g. the sound of the day, a number concept or similar.

##### P3s and P4s

Our P3 and P4 teachers will post one video daily via Learning Journals focusing on an aspect of the children's learning. The children will also have a check in time with their class teacher at the end of the day (3:00pm - 3:20pm) using Microsoft TEAMS. Parents will be encouraged to log in to TEAMS so that pupils can have some time with their class teacher and peers. **A guide to accessing a TEAMS Meeting is attached.** This is an opportunity for the children to chat to their teacher and each other, ask questions and discuss their learning.

##### P5s to P7s

Our P5, P6 and P7 children will have a check in time with their teacher at the end of each day on Microsoft TEAMS. We have staggered these times to reduce any squabbles over a device!

- P5 and 5/6 check in 3:20pm - 3:40pm
- P6 and P7s - 3:40pm - 4:00pm

For Primary 5 to 7, there will be a further check in during the day on TEAMS which focusses on a specific aspect of learning and teaching. This could be for the whole class or for individual groups.

**The times of these will be on the Learning Grid sent out on a Sunday.**

Teaching staff will support Learning At Home with the use of various IT programmes. These may include:

- Learning Journals
- Office 365 (P5-7)
- Microsoft TEAMS
- Narrated PowerPoints and Sway
- Online learning platforms such as SumDog, Education City, Oxford Owls, ClickView etc.

### **Feedback on learning**

On each Learning Grid, class teachers will identify one piece of work that **MUST** be submitted each day for feedback. This piece of work will have a star beside it.

**P1 - 4 children** - Parents should share their child's learning with their class teacher via Learning Journals and feedback will be given using the comments facility.

**P5 -7 children** - should share learning with class teacher via TEAMS or Office 365. This may be a photo of a piece of work or a shared document. All children in P5-P7 have been shown how to do this.

All daily learning that is being submitted should be sent in by 3.15pm where possible, so that feedback can be given for the following day.

Of course, other pieces of learning can be submitted to the class teacher at any time via the methods above.

### **School Website**

During the first Lockdown, the school website was used for daily Class Blogs. As we are increasing our use of Learning Journals and TEAMS, there will be a weekly post on the school website on a Friday sharing all of our 'Magical Moments' in learning. Please send any photographs you would like included from home to your child's class teacher by 12 noon on the Thursday of that week.

There are also many other website and links for all areas of the curriculum on our 'Useful Resources' page on the website - just visit [www.carrickknoweprimary.com/usefulresources](http://www.carrickknoweprimary.com/usefulresources).

### **Whole School Assemblies**

The link for the weekly assembly will be shared on a Friday via TEAMS for P5-7 and via Learning Journals for P1-4.

### **Additional Support for Learning**

Mrs Dale will continue to be in contact with and support the children she works with via Learning Journals.

## Communicating with School Staff

In the current situation, as always, you are most welcome to contact school via telephone or email. Either Mrs Canning (HT) or Mrs Iley (DHT) will be in the school building each day.

Class teachers will be working on a rota system both from home and in the school building to support children who are Learning At Home and those who are in school. Therefore, they may not be readily available to answer questions or clarify aspects of learning during the day. Children can use the allocated check in TEAMS meetings to ask any questions. Parents are welcome to contact their child's teacher via email or Learning Journals.

We hope this information will help you in preparing to support your child in Learning At Home. If you require a device for your child to enable them to access online learning, please let us know.

We want the next few weeks to be productive and worthwhile for your child. The health and wellbeing of all of our families is of utmost importance. Please balance a positive and calm family life with Learning At Home. ❤️

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