

Ponteland Primary School  
 Strategy for remote learning - January 2021

During the March 2020 lockdown we received an overwhelmingly positive response from our families when engaging with home learning. We know that every child learns differently, every family has its own dynamic, and that in this situation every household has its own challenges. Therefore, we have tried to produce a robust remote education offer that caters for as many situations as possible, while allowing for flexibility and essential family time.

Government has asked schools to ‘have systems for checking, at least weekly, whether pupils are engaging with their work, and inform parents immediately where there is a concern’. We fully appreciate that parents will be juggling homeschooling with their own work commitments and this period may be a difficult time. We ask that parents stay in touch with us and share issues as they arise to ensure that we get the maximum engagement from pupils. Where there is no engagement or poor engagement our Parent Support Worker, Mrs Wright, will contact parents directly to offer support.

<p>Nursery</p>	<p>Home learning will be provided through <b>Tapestry</b> daily: a number session delivered by Mrs Wilds via video, a phonics session taught over video, and an additional activity linked to another area of the curriculum. In addition, Mrs Wilds will record a daily story to be shared with the children. Learning through play is an extremely important part of the Early Years Foundation Stage and forms part of our provision in school everyday. We would encourage parents to give their children free time to play and, where working arrangements allow, to join in their play with them.</p>
<p>Reception</p>	<p><b>Tapestry</b> will be used to share home learning daily: a phonics session delivered by the Reception teachers via video which will encompass reading and writing, a maths session taught over video and an additional activity linked to the class reading book which covers the wider curriculum. In addition to this, children will be assigned two reading books electronically on Bug Club. Once a week, on their usual reading day, each child will be invited to a one to one session with their class teacher between 9.15am and 10.15am, where they will be able to chat about what they have been playing with at home and practise their words. This will be a set appointment each week on Google Meet.</p>
<p>Year 1</p>	<p>Remote learning will be provided daily on <b>Tapestry</b>: this will be a mixture of videos delivered by the teacher and PowerPoints covering maths, English and another subject covering the wider curriculum. In school the children are taught phonics in small groups. We will continue to pitch phonics at exactly the stage your child is working at and each group will receive a separate Tapestry post daily with resources and activities.</p>

<p>Years 2 to 6</p>	<p>Teachers will communicate with parents via <b>Twitter</b> and with children via <b>Google Classroom</b>, for which each child has a login. Children access Google Classroom via our learning platform School360, for which they have individual logins..</p> <p>Three daily lessons will be available on Google Classroom: Maths, English, and another subject (covering the wider curriculum). Some activities will require children to submit a piece of work via Google Classroom, and some may take place on other platforms that school subscribe to, such as Spelling Shed or My Maths.</p> <p>Teachers will respond to work submitted with a comment. As it would in school, the work submitted by the children will inform the planning of future lessons, and examples of excellent work will be celebrated as they would in normal times.</p>
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## FAQs

### How do I locate the home learning tasks?

For children in Nursery and Reception, teachers will share resources with parents through Tapestry. Should you need support accessing Tapestry, please contact your child's class teacher via [admin@ppschoo.uk](mailto:admin@ppschoo.uk).

In Years 1-6, learning activities and resources will be assigned by the teacher on Google Classroom which is accessed through our learning platform, [School360](#). Each pupil has unique login details that have been provided by their class teacher. Once logged in, children simply click the 'Classroom' button to view the assigned tasks for the day. Most activities can be completed and returned to the teacher online. Google Classroom is accessible on computers, chromebooks or tablets.

In addition to the tasks assigned by the class teacher, School360 also hosts a range of additional learning resources that your child may enjoy accessing.

### Are the tasks compulsory?

Yes. Unlike the tasks set during the Summer, it is now a requirement that children complete tasks set for them, as they would if they were in the classroom.

### **How do I balance supporting my child/ren with home learning with my own work and/or caring for other children?**

We recognise that this is a challenge and will support you in every way that we can. We ask that parents do the best that they can to enable their child to continue learning, as they would be in school. We all want to minimise the effect of closure on children's progress and will work with you to support you.

### **My child is finding the work too difficult/easy**

Teachers will do their best to set tasks which can be accessed by all children, at their own level. In class, teachers provide support/challenge to ensure that work is pitched appropriately but this is more difficult when children are working remotely. The teacher will use their daily introduction video to provide an explanation of the tasks and they will include strategies to support or to extend children's thinking.

If your child has a special educational need or disability, they may require a different approach and their teacher will be able to advise you about this. If your child usually has 1:1 support in school through an EHCP, their teacher will be in regular contact with you directly.

### **We do not have sufficient technology at home to access online learning**

Please contact us via the school office or [admin@pps.school.uk](mailto:admin@pps.school.uk) and we will do our best to help. We may also be able to assist by loaning IT equipment. If necessary we can provide paper copies of the work and additional stationery to support learning at home.

### **Who should I contact with any issues/problems?**

For any issues related to remote learning or your child in general, please contact your child's teacher directly through your year group Twitter, Tapestry or via [admin@pps.school.uk](mailto:admin@pps.school.uk). For any other queries, please contact Mrs Blain, Mrs Wright or Mrs Johnson.