

Clarendon Road Primary School

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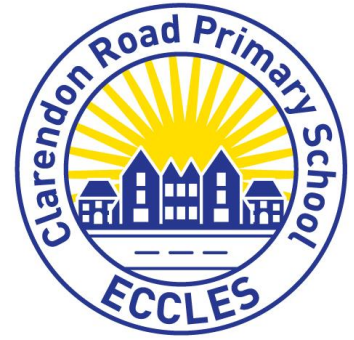
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Remote learning from Thursday 7th January

Dear Parents & Carers,

Once again, thank you so much for your support and patience over the past two days and indeed, last nine months. We appreciate the challenges that many of you now face, balancing working from home, the lockdown and having young children as well as now having to support your child with their home learning.

We know this may seem very daunting, especially if you have not been part of a bubble closure yet, but please be assured our team are ready and raring to go.

They are looking forward to seeing and interacting with everyone who is learning at home from tomorrow either on Tapestry, Zoom or Google Classroom.

How much remote learning will my child be expected to do?

The Government has stated that schools should provide at least 3 hours of home learning activities a day.

Based on our experience of bubble closures and the feedback we received last term, we have refined and improved our offer for our families.

Clarendon Road will provide more than three hours remote learning per day through a mixture of:

- live teaching
- pre-recorded teaching videos
- daily Zoom calls
- learning tasks set on Google Classroom
- access to learning platforms such as: Oak Academy, My Maths, Spelling Shed, TT Rockstars
- weekly celebration assemblies.

Please do not panic if you do not manage to access or complete all of the learning set each day. We fully understand many of you are balancing home life with remote learning and may have more than one child at home doing this.

We would ask that you access and engage with some home learning at least once each day.

If we have not managed to see your child, either via a Zoom call or work being submitted during the week, please expect a call to check you are able to get online, see if you need any technical support and to make sure you are all okay.

If you are struggling in any way or your child is struggling with the work set, please contact us and we will do our very best to support you.

What will home learning look like this half term?

Weekly timetables will be shared on ParentApp each Friday in preparation for the following week with all the information your child needs including Zoom call details.

Zoom calls have been staggered so there is no clash between the different phases.

Staff will provide feedback in live sessions, through comments on Tapestry and Google Stream and when work is submitted to Google Classroom for Key Stage 2.

Staff will only provide feedback during the school day to allow them to manage their workload.

Early Years: Nursery & Reception

Nursery & reception will engage with home learning in a slightly different way to the older pupils using Tapestry with a daily Zoom call.

Nursery will do phonics, maths, Dough Disco & Squiggle as well as home learning challenges.

Reception will receive daily maths, English, phonics and home learning challenges with additional key skills practice.

Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2: Year 1 – Year 6

Children will have daily lessons for Maths, English and PHSE which will include a mixture of live or pre-recorded teaching.

Lessons such as history, geography, science, MFL and music will be delivered in the afternoon. These may be taught in blocks of learning depending on the year group.

Art, DT and RE will be taught next half term.

Whole school

Mr Bloodworth will offer a weekly P.E. lesson for each year group alongside lots of fun challenges to keep the mind and body active.

We will all meet for celebration assembly via Zoom at 2:30pm each Friday to acknowledge our achievements across the week.

What can I do to prepare my child for home learning?

- Make sure your device is charged and ready to go!
- Create a safe and purposeful learning environment within your home – a surface to work on, good lighting and plenty of refreshments.
- Make sure your child has had a healthy breakfast and is ready to learn.
- Get into a positive routine of getting up, getting dressed and being camera ready!
- Remind your child of behaviour expectations – we still want to see our school spirits. Pupils should join calls muted and ensure any chat is focused around the learning.
- Please don't work ahead on the work set on Google Classroom – we cannot provide additional work.

What if we have technical difficulties?

Technical difficulties can be a real barrier to home learning. School will continue to provide as much technical support as we can to our families. We have been able to troubleshoot most problems parents have had in the

past so please contact the school office by email if you need any support (clarendonroad.primaryschool@salford.gov.uk).

If, after a few days of learning at home, you realise your device is preventing your child from fully accessing learning, we still have some devices that school can loan you – please contact us to discuss this.

We also have some SIM cards with data if you are struggling that fit all types of tablets, dongles and Wi-Fi devices.

If you borrow a school device, DO NOT remove or add any new apps or reset the device in any way as per the signed agreement.

Let's go for it!

It has been an extremely challenging time recently. No term has been the same and we've all had to constantly adapt to the ever-changing situation in front of us.

Home learning brings a new and unique set of challenges. At times, it can be difficult to find the motivation and we all can miss the social interaction that school can provide. We hope our remote learning offer and support will mean your child is engaged and still gets some interaction with their class to feel part of our school community.

As a school, we would like to thank you again for all the support you have given us during this pandemic.

The light at the end of the tunnel is hopefully coming into view and we are positive that we can get there together as the strong community we are.

Stay Safe,



Mrs R Gallagher
Headteacher