

Online Learning Policy

Chalkhill Primary School



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Introduction

During this period of long term closure, staff at Chalkhill Primary School will continue to provide education and support to our children using remote learning. All learning will be conducted using the SEESAW, ClassDojo, PurpleMash and Bug Club apps. This will allow staff to keep in daily contact in a professional and confidential manner with their class. Teachers will be able to schedule learning in a manner that does not overwhelm our children. Teaching and learning can be tailored, changed and updated as time progresses, allowing for replication of classroom activity to the best of our ability. In all communications we will prioritise the wellbeing of our children. From September 2020 we will also be using Google Classroom.

Flexibility in Learning:

Flexibility of Learning We realise that the circumstances that cause our school to close will affect families in a number of ways. In our planning and expectations, we are aware of the need for flexibility from all sides:-

- Parents may be trying to work from home so access to technology as a family may be limited;
- Parents may have two or more children trying to access technology and need to prioritise the needs of young people studying towards GCSE/A Level accreditation;
- Teachers may be trying to manage their home situation and the learning of their own children;
- Systems (such as broadband) may not always function as they should. An understanding of, and willingness to adapt to, these difficulties on all sides is essential for success

Expectation and Management

We believe that it is in the best interests of our children that we continue to provide structured support to the best of our ability. Bearing in mind the need for flexibility, deadlines will be set on weekly basis. It must be noted that the work children engage in during a period of closure will be part of our current planning and so cannot be considered as optional. Children and parents should consider the arrangements as set out in this document as highly recommended.

Teaching Staff will:

- Share teaching and activities with their class through the SEESAW and ClassDojo apps;
- Weekly Learning booklets for every year group is also posted on the school website www.chalkhillprimaryschool.co.uk/homelearning
- Continue teaching in line with current, extensive planning that is already in place throughout the school;
- Accept the fact that learning remotely will be more difficult, so tasks will be set in smaller steps to allow for this;
- Respond to parent email on the year group email;
- Inform PSA if any pupil from class has not accessed home learning for over a week;
- Keep in contact with children through the SEESAW and ClassDojo, PurpleMash and Bug Club apps only;
- Reply to messages, set work and give feedback on activities during the normal teaching hours 9.00 am - 2:55pm;

- Allow flexibility in the completion of activities, understanding that the circumstances leading to our closure will affect families in a number of ways;
- Take regular breaks away from the computer or iPad to engage in other professional duties as much as circumstances allow e.g. Policy Development;
- If unwell themselves, be covered by another staff member for the sharing of activities. Follow up of messages on the SEESAW, ClassDojo apps as well as year group email, during this time will not be undertaken until the teacher is fit to work.
- From September 2020 Google Classroom will also be used to set up home learning tasks.

Children will:

- Be assured that wellbeing is at the forefront of our thoughts and the need for children to take regular breaks, get fresh air, exercise and maintain a reasonable balance between online engagement and offline activities;
- Potentially work a day or two behind what has been shared through the SEESAW and Office 365 Teams apps;
- Only send messages and queries that are in relation to tasks set by the teacher or in response to questions the teacher may ask them directly;
- Only access the material shared by their teacher and ask for parental permission to use technology for anything beyond that;
- Read daily, either independently or with an adult;
- Consider using the school closure time to learn a new skill, follow their own interests to discover more about the world around us or just be creative.

Parents will:

- Support their child's learning to the best of their ability;
- Encourage their child to access and engage with SEESAW / ClassDojo/ PurpleMash posts (and Google Classroom posts from September 2020) from their teacher;
- Refrain from screenshotting or copying any information, messages or posts to share on social media or any other platform outside of the SEESAW or ClassDojo apps (and Google Classroom from September 2020);
- Know they can continue to contact their class teacher as normal through the SEESAW, ClassDojo and PurpleMash apps if they require support of any kind;
- Check their child's completed work each day and encourage the progress that is being made;
- Be mindful of mental well-being of both themselves and their child and encourage their child to take regular breaks, play games, get fresh air and relax;

N.B. In compliance with Copyright Law and regulations governing the use of photocopiable materials parents must note that resources are for viewing online only on our secure class teams. They must not be printed, photocopied or distributed. The school will not take responsibility for any breach of Copyright Law. Please check our [home learning](#) page on the school website for the links to the additional websites which may be useful to aid your child's learning.

Remote Learning Systems Access Information

Using the link found [here](#) you will be able to access the School's latest advice and resources for remote learning and how to continue to navigate the internet safely.

Your child should have a login for each of the following.

[Bug Club](#)

[Seesaw](#)

[Purple Mash](#)

[TT Rockstars](#)

[IXL \(for year 6 pupils only\)](#)

[Google Classroom from September 2020](#)

If you are not aware of your child's login(s), please email the class teacher on the email address below:

nursery@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk **Ms Shanker**

reception@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk **Ms Gracio and Ms Sathyarooban**

year1@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk **Mr Jones and Ms Uwais**

year2@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk **Ms Butler and Ms Patel**

year3@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk **Mr McGirr and Ms Oti**

year4@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk **Ms Ali and Ms Beese**

year5@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk **Mr Frederick and Ms Merlusca**

year6@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk **Ms Mehta and Ms Rizwan**

safeguarding@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk **Ms Anthony and Ms Campbell**

From the week beginning 20th of April, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons> has started to provide daily lessons and follow up interactive activities, from year 1 to year 10, on a new TV channel, podcasts and videos online. We will be posting weekly Home learning packs from Classroom Secrets for each year group that aligns with the BBC Bitesize Daily Lessons on our website and on Seesaw. Additionally, we will be using resources from [Oak National Academy](#), which has been devised by practising teachers, combining online video lessons, quizzes and worksheets for pupils from reception to year 6.

Please check our new [Home Learning Tab](#) on our website along with a FAQs page. It has links to fantastic websites to keep your child engaged. Home learning will still predominately be set through [PurpleMash](#), [Seesaw](#) and [Bug Club](#).

Some wonderful written pieces of work are published on our school blog www.chalkhillwriters.com

If you would like your child/children's work published then please email a scanned copy or a photograph of their work to chalkhillwriters@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk. You can also follow our Twitter handle [@chalkhillschool](https://twitter.com/chalkhillschool) to get latest updates.

As we continue this period of remote learning, should you wish to communicate with your child's class teacher during the closure please do so via ClassDojo or the email addresses listed above.

Stay safe, keep well and do keep in touch with us.