



Remote Learning at St Martin's RCPS

January 2021

Message from Mrs Davies

Dear Parents, Families and Pupils,

I hope that this message finds you and your families well having been able to spend some quality time together over the festive period. I would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year whilst also recognising the challenges we are again presented with as a school and community. I have no doubt in my mind that as a team and through our school values of pride, belief and kindness we will conquer these challenges and as always go 'Over and Above'.

This document is aimed to provide you with an overview of our approach to remote learning during this period of a phased return to school. I would like to use this opportunity to recognise the difficulties that all families, including staff, will face during lockdown and make it clear as always that the wellbeing of all pupils, families and staff are central and of constant priority. In supporting your child's learning at home please encourage them to check in with their Google Classroom and do what works best for you and your family.

Should you have any questions or feedback about our approach to remote learning over the coming days or weeks then please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at ldavies@st-martins.elcschool.org.uk.

Kind Regards,

Lauren Davies



What is Remote Learning?

Remote learning involves the delivery of education using digital distance learning strategies – for East Lothian Schools this will be done mostly through the use of Google Classroom.

This method will be used for all P1-7 pupils whether they are accessing their learning at home or are one of the small number of children who are in school.



Google Classroom

Your child has access to their digital Google Classroom through their edubuzz account. Should you have any issues accessing your child's Google Classroom then please contact their class teacher as follows:

Miss Cassidy – kcassidy@edubuzz.org

Mrs Carlyle – acarlyle@edubuzz.org

Mrs Johnson – rjohnson@edubuzz.org

Mrs Hadden – dhadden1@edubuzz.org

Mr Murray – mmurray@edubuzz.org

Miss Pearston – mpearston@edubuzz.org

Mrs McManus – emcmanus1@edubuzz.org

Miss Alongi – ealongi@edubuzz.org

Learning will be posted to your child's Google Classroom each morning by their class teacher. Children are able to message their class teachers via their Google Classroom, post completed assignments and receive feedback on their work.



Remote Learning – What to Expect

Class teachers will present learning to children in a variety of ways to meet the needs of learners in their classes dependant on age and stages and what is most appropriate to them. This may include short pre-recorded videos or presentations alongside suggested activities and follow up tasks. Pre-recorded material allows all families and children to access modelled learning at a time that suits them. Every day a piece of Literacy, Numeracy and IDL work will be shared with the children. For the first two weeks interdisciplinary learning will take the form a collaborative whole school Global Goals project that can be worked on as a family.

Class teachers will schedule Google Meets/ Hangouts for children to join in if they would like to. Google Meets allow children and teachers to interact and will predominantly focus on Health and Wellbeing.



Google Meets

We will use Google Meet for assemblies and class meetings during the week. The expectations of behaviour during meets are the same as what our expectations would be in school - Ready, Respectful and Safe. Please discuss the following expectations with your child in preparation for joining.

- Please mute your microphone unless you are speaking. This prevents background noise/ feedback and also ensures that any private conversations within the home remain private.
- Please do not use the chat function unless you have been asked to by your class teacher.
- Please use appropriate and respectful language throughout.
- Please be suitably dressed to attend a Google meet.

Whole School Learning – Global Goals

From January 11th the children will be focusing on a whole school interdisciplinary learning theme of 'Global Goals'. This has been planned for collaboratively by our class teachers and will allow us to work together as a school community towards our Silver rights Respecting Schools Award.





Supporting Reading at Home

Reading is an important life skill and encouraging a love of reading in the home can support children with their vocabulary, speech development, comprehension and understanding. Many of our children enjoy reading through the use of Accelerated Reader in school where they have set targets and take quizzes to challenge their progress.

During this period of lockdown children will be able to continue to access their Accelerated Reader account from 9am-3pm via the following link:

<https://ukhosted45.renlearn.co.uk/1892871/>

If you would like to borrow some books to support reading at home then please get in touch with Mrs Davies at ldavies@st-martins.elcschool.org.uk .



Assemblies

Mrs Davies will host an assembly on a Friday morning at 9:30am for children and families to attend if they wish to do so. These assemblies will focus on Health and Wellbeing and be an opportunity for us to stay connected as a community during this period of remote learning. Details for joining will be posted on your child's Google Classroom.





Access to Resources

Stationery packs will be available to any families for collection outside of the main school office from Monday between 9:30am and 2:30pm.

Alongside these there will also be a selection of staple household food and toiletry items to support families during these challenging times.

These will be available throughout this period of remote learning for families to collect as and when required. Please ensure appropriate face coverings are worn and that social distancing is observed when collecting.

Should you require any additional support as a family during this time then please do not hesitate to get in contact with Mrs Davies.

I hope that you have found the information shared about remote learning helpful.

Should you have any questions regarding your child's Google Classroom in the first instance then please contact your child's class teacher.

For any office related questions then please email admin@st-martins.elcschool.org.uk as phones will not always be manned.

For any further feedback or questions then please email me at ldavies@st-martins.elcschool.org.uk.

Most importantly please remember that we are in this together. Be kind to yourselves and to one another – we will be here to support until such times as we can welcome the children back through our doors.

