



Dear Parents/Carers,

This academic year, the DFE have advised all schools on their responsibility to develop a virtual learning platform that enables children to continue to access their school curriculum through these difficult times. As a school, we have been working hard to develop a clear Blended Learning Strategy that supports children's learning through the highest quality curriculum they can, be this in school or alternatively in the event of an isolation period.

I am pleased to announce, after many weeks of development, that we are now in a position to launch our new online learning platform. This will be delivered through Microsoft Teams. Each child will receive a username and password and will be able to access it at home and in school. Microsoft Teams can be downloaded through the Apple or Android app store or alternatively visited through an internet browser.

A comprehensive strategy document has been created and is available to read on the school website, under the heading 'Blended Learning'. There, you will find important information about the platform, FAQs and further guidance. In addition to this, there is a step by step guide that illustrates how you can log in at home.

When logged in, your child will be able to access their own class team where their teacher will interact, set work and deliver supportive materials. Your child will also be able to access a 'whole school' team where they will see assemblies and whole school information. As parents, you will also be kept up to date with relevant information, letters etc.

This week, your child will take home a 'Blended Learning' Code of Conduct, which highlights the roles and responsibilities of the school, child and parent/carer. Within this document, you will find your child's log in details for Microsoft Teams in addition to all the websites we have subscribed to as part of our online learning package for our children. Please keep this safe and at home; we will have an additional copy in school. Please do not change any details including passwords, as all passwords are stored centrally in school.

As parents and adults at home, we ask that you work in partnership with us to support the initial implementation of this, especially for our youngest learners, who will need support to access their content online.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your continued support through these recent times and we will continue to work together to ensure that each and every child continues to access high quality learning.

Should you have any questions or queries, please direct these to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Stay safe and best wishes.

Kind Regards

Mr. P. Stewart

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