

Golborne St. Thomas' C of E School

Virtual Teaching Policy

This policy is to be used in the event of school closure or partial closure.

In the event of a full school closure, all year groups will be able to access virtual teaching without delay.

In the event of partial closure, the affected bubbles will be able to access virtual teaching without delay.

In the event of a single child/family in quarantine, home learning can be accessed through SeeSaw. Virtual teaching will not be available in this situation.

Home learning on SeeSaw will be the same work being set in the classroom, as long as it is appropriate to complete at home. Children may also be set online work on key skills.

Procedure for Virtual Teaching:

- Pupils will access SeeSaw using a personal QR Code.
- Teaching staff will post video clips each day of each lesson input and explanation of the task.
- Staff will be available between 9am – 3pm to answer questions using the comments section under each post, teachers may also be teaching classes during this time and cannot be expected to reply instantly.
- Pupils will complete their tasks and post to SeeSaw each day.
- Teaching staff will respond daily to these tasks with the following comments;
Objective met.
Objective nearly met. Can you.../Next time can you...
Objective not met yet. Can you.../Next time can you...
This will be completed before the next session.

Lesson Expectations

Lessons will follow the long term plans and continue from the point children are up to in school. This means children do not miss learning and are not disadvantaged when they return.

School will provide the following weekly timetable:

- 4 writing lessons
- 4 maths lessons
- 1 comprehension lesson
- 1 arithmetic lesson
- 2 topic lessons
- 4 Sounds-write lessons (KS1 only)
- Additional key skills tasks where appropriate (e.g. times tables)

Videos will include a resource demonstration, models and images with a voice-over (no teacher faces). Instructions will be given for every task set.

Writing lessons will all include a written example of the section children are expected to complete.

As a school we have made the decision that live lessons, or zoom calls will not take place for the following reasons:

- Homes with multiple siblings may only have one device to work from. Flexibility is needed.
- Teaching staff can work flexibly in the event of illness and covering other classes.
- Parents who need to work from home can ask children to complete learning when it is convenient to them.
- Zoom not used because not all children can access it.
- Complicates safeguarding procedures and is not appropriate for the age group.
- Does not add any value to teaching and learning that videos cannot provide.

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