



Home Learning Overview

The following document has been produced to outline the Home Learning that will be offered to children of St. Mary & St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School in the event of the partial/full closure of a year group or the school.

Timetable

Teachers will provide daily online learning. Links to where parents can find online teaching videos or resources for each lesson can be found on the school website.

www.stmaryandstthomasaquinas.co.uk

Lessons

The expectation of lessons will be;

- Maths Lesson
- English Lesson
- Phonics Lesson (Nursery, Reception Class and Year 1)
- Reading Session
- Religious Education
- Foundation subjects (History or Geography, Art or DT, Science, Computing)
- A French lesson for Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and Year 6

The teacher will upload age appropriate resources and activities for the children to complete from a range of sources.

Contact with Teachers

In the event of a full school closure or a full class self-isolating long-term, there will be regular contact made with each family by the class teacher. This will be logged and a record kept.

Parents will also have access to an email for each class teacher to enable them to submit their child's work. Photographs or digital files of the completed work should be submitted via a single email, containing all the day's work, to the class teacher at any point throughout the day (*between 9.15 – 8 pm*). Please ensure that the work is returned on the day that it is set and the teacher will endeavour to mark it the following day.

The School Day and Attendance

Children are expected to be able to access learning during the hours of 9.00am and 3.00pm and teachers will make any contact that is essential during these hours. If a child is unable to complete the learning tasks that have been set due to illness then it is expected that they inform the school office as usual on 0191 4143116 or by email;

stmaryandstthomascatholicprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk



Printed Resources

If required, we will provide all children with an exercise book to complete work at home. We will print out packs of worksheets required for children who are unable to access these online. This pack will be made available in school for parents to collect.

If parents feel that their child is not well enough to complete the 'Home Learning' tasks, they should contact school for further advice

Monitoring Engagement with Remote Education

It is important that the pupils at St. Mary & St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School engage with the Remote/Home learning education that is being provided so that they don't miss out/fall behind in their learning, however we do acknowledge that home circumstances are unique and at times there may be factors affecting home learning.

Communication is essential and we would ask that if there are circumstances that mean a child cannot engage with the learning (reasons other than being unwell), that their parent communicates this to the school. We can then work together to find alternative means of providing 'Home Learning' that works for the circumstances of that family.

Useful websites to support learning

BBC Bitesize – <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Reception to Year Six with lots of subjects.

Hamilton Trust – <https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/blog/learning-home-packs/>

Reception to Year Six for Maths and English

Top Marks – <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

Nursery to Year Six with lots of subjects.

Primary Games – <https://www.primarygames.co.uk/>

Maths and Literacy games for all ages

Fun brain – <https://www.funbrain.com/>

A range of reading materials and games for all ages

Classroom Secrets – <https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/free-home-learning-packs/>

Reception to Year Six for Maths, English and Languages



Maths

Mathletics – <https://login.mathletics.com/>

Progressive maths for Reception to Year Six

Primary Homework Help Maths – <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/index.html>

Maths based activities for all ages

Times tables practice

TTRockstars – <https://trockstars.com/>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

<https://www.multiplication.com/games/all-games>

Literacy / Reading

Book trust find a book – <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

Poetry Archive – <https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>

The words of the best poets read out loud.

Oxford Owl – <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home>

Reading Materials for all ages

Pobble – <http://www.pobble365.com/>

Literacy inspiration based around pictures

Phonics Play – <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Phonics resources for younger children

Primary Homework Help Literacy – <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/literacy/index.htm>

Literacy based activities for all ages

Languages

Languages online – <https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/index.html>

A range of languages to interact with.

Duolingo – <https://www.duolingo.com/learn>