



Vale Primary School

Information for Parents on Distance Learning

Dear Parents,

As you may have heard, the Director of Public Health has decided that schools must now remain closed for the majority of students until the beginning of the summer half term holiday. As has been the case during the extended Easter holiday period, the children of essential workers and vulnerable students will continue to be able to attend their school during this time.

However, even though our school will not be open for many children and young people, we believe that it is important that formal education resumes for all from the beginning of this summer term and our staff have been working very hard to prepare for these circumstances. All settings will now implement the plans for Distance Learning that we have been developing.

Please find attached a guidance document that explains how Distance Learning will work and which will answer some of the questions that you may have about this new form of education for your child. As explained in the attached, please be assured that there is no expectation that you will take on the role of teacher during this period.

We are here to support you and your child's teacher will be in contact to provide relevant activities and guidance. We will utilise Class Dojo to communicate with you about the activities/work being set initially, where a QR code will be placed within your child's Dojo account. There will be instructions on how to use a QR code placed on Class Dojo and the school website. The QR code will link to their school j2e account and from there they will be able to access the learning and activities teachers have organised for them to complete. Teachers will share plans for each week through j2e with a brief update on Dojo each Monday morning from 9.30am.

However, please note that for next week only, Distance Learning for Vale will be from the morning of Tuesday 21st April from 9.30am onwards, giving staff – in view of the announcement today – time on Monday 20th April to complete their planning of distance learning materials, even though the school will be open on Monday for children of key workers and vulnerable learners.

In addition, teachers will expect children to complete the tasks and activities set for them, but will understand that this needs to be flexible given the circumstances. So, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance should you have any questions or concerns about distance learning for your child. For those children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) teachers will pitch learning so they can access tasks appropriate to their skills and abilities.

Should your child be ill, we would expect you let the school – via your child’s class teacher or school office – know about this as soon as possible. Should you not have access to the internet, or an appropriate device to access Distance Learning, please let the school know as soon as possible and we will arrange for you to borrow one of our school Chromebook’s, subject to having enough of these in stock.

If you have any questions or concerns that aren’t addressed in the attached document, please feel free to your child’s class teacher direct or the school offices via email – office@vale.sch.gg or by phone on 01481 756034.

Kind regards,

Mr Gary Hind
Headteacher