



MILTON OF LEYS PRIMARY
Digital Learning at Home
Week 1, March 23-27th 2020

Google Classrooms

We have set up Google Classrooms and all children have been added to their online 'classroom'. These 'classrooms' will be supported by a team of teachers across a stage (eg P6/7 and P7) who will work together to provide activities and home learning ideas whilst the school is closed.

Initially, pupils should spend time familiarising themselves with going on their classroom, following any instructions left by their teacher, and even meeting up with each other and their teacher in a virtual Google Hangout! This way of teaching and learning is new to everyone so it will evolve and develop over the course of time. Our main goal in Week 1 is that all children feel confident and secure accessing their learning online and know that their school, class and teacher are there for them.

Devices/Wifi

Families who have contacted us to let us know they need additional devices at home have been loaned a chromebook that will allow their family to access their Google Classroom and any online learning. We are waiting on further guidance about how we can offer support to families who do not have Wifi access.

Learning at home

As the Deputy First Minister, John Swinney, stated last week, there will not be an expectation for parents at home to replicate the school day - our online 'classrooms' will allow for aspects of learning to continue supported by class teachers. At the same time, children will be able to learn in lots of different ways at home (reading with an adult, exercising, listening to music, going out for walks if possible, gardening, crafts/building/baking/sorting etc). We will continue to evolve and develop what we provide as a school in terms of engaging with learning at home and online.

P1

As we follow a play based approach at early level in P1, parents can expect ideas on the google classroom for exploratory learning, reading together, sorting, counting, matching, outdoor learning etc. We will share stories and ideas for developing phonological awareness and supporting our health and wellbeing.



ELC

- Seesaw will be used for communicating between ELC and home, and for setting up suitable learning experiences for our youngest members of the school community
- Parents should have login details for Seesaw but please contact Emma Law, Childcare Manager, if you have difficulties with this or need advice concerning any aspect of ELC during the current school closure.

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Support

If you require any support for using Google:

- Email your class teacher to reset a Google password
- Use the Parent Guide to Google Classroom:

[2020 Parents' Guide to Google Classroom](#)

G-Suite

If you want to become more familiar with google and the use of G-Suite you can access: <http://highland.gov.uk/digitalschoolshub/>

This website includes digital skills information and digital skills learning for parents, schools and pupils.

The current level of change is huge for everyone, and we need to make sure we are allowing for the children to adjust to this unexpected interruption to their school year. Although it feels like the end of term, we are on hand to answer questions and support over the next week before the holidays begin. Email your child's class teacher for support around learning or if you have any concerns about your child's well-being, please don't hesitate to email me directly meg.snedden@highland.gov.uk

Please remember that we are in this together and hope the children are well, happy and learning in many different ways over the time to come.

Mrs Snedden
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