



Dear Parents/Carers

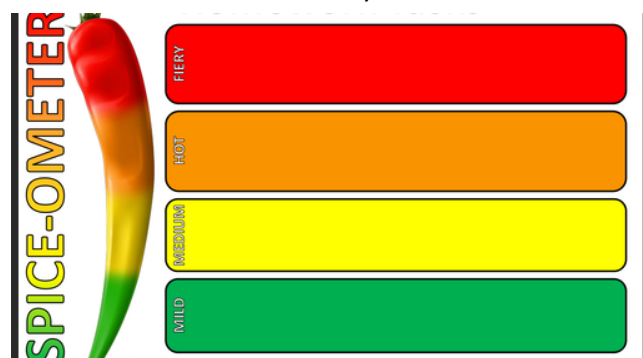
We are just about ready to launch our home learning on Monday morning. We will be clearing out the class Teams pages to ensure it's nice and straightforward for everyone when you go in. There won't be anything from Term 1 or 2 – we are starting fresh. All pupils will be taught by their own teachers unless a teacher is unwell and unable to work. If that scenario presents itself we will communicate with individual classes the arrangements for class activities.

What to Expect

From Monday 11th January, and every day after that, there will be a:-

- A welcome video to watch first
- A daily timetable to help structure the pupil's day and tasks – these tasks will be specific.
- A literacy teaching video and associated activities
- A numeracy teaching video and associated activities
- Several other activities linked to Health & Well-Being, Family Learning and Topic work – this may differ for each class.

Many classes use the chilli challenge – this is a strategy to support pupil's to challenge themselves. Essentially this is a method of sharing extension tasks with the pupils. Pupils can choose which further tasks they would like to complete.



All tasks will remain on the teams pages until everyone returns back to school. This will give you the flexibility to manage work as a family, tasks can be completed at any time and not necessarily on the day they are posted.

Microsoft Teams

All class Teams pages will have three channels.

1. General – this will be for the teachers only to post information on the chat.
2. Home Learning – go into the files section where you will find everything you need. Work will be in dated folders.
3. Playground – this is a channel which pupils can use to send each other messages.

All pupils will have their own folder in the files section of home learning. All pupil work should be uploaded into the pupil's own folder and not onto the chat page of the home learning channel. P3-7 pupils should know how to do this.

Weekly Live Check In

As well as the above each class will have a live 30 minute check in session each week. We have timetabled these to allow children within each household to see their own teacher and class. Go to the calendar on your Teams page on the date and time of the class meeting. You will see the class meeting organised, click "join". There will be no teaching at this time – this is just a chance for pupils to see each other and for the teacher to say hello to everyone.

We understand that not every pupil may not be able to join with this however we will hold it at the same time every week and hope that we will be joined by a few pupils. Please find the timetable below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11.30am P5/4	11.30am P6/5	11.30am P7	11.30am P7/6	11.00 P2
1.00pm P1	1.00pm P3		1.00pm P4	

Pupil Feedback

Teachers will be monitoring the work that is posted. They will give both class and individual feedback. They will also adjust their teaching plans according to the children's capacity to manage the tasks. Teachers will be online doing this every afternoon except a Wednesday.

Staff Meetings/Teacher Training

Staff won't be online on a Wednesday afternoon, instead we will use this time for our own staff meetings and on-going training sessions. It's important we have our own live check-ins!

Keyworker Pupils

All pupils in school will be doing the same work as their classmates at home. Pupils in school will be working on a laptop or Ipad to access their own class videos and activities. They will be supported in groups by a member of staff. If they are in school during the live check in time they will also join in with that too.

Twitter

The class twitter accounts will not be used during this time – teachers will be online on Teams instead. We will still keep in touch with the main ELCC and school twitter accounts.

IT Problems

Should you have any issues with usernames or passwords please email Miss Ross directly on gw09rossclare2@glow.sch.uk

Our experiences of having classes self-isolating over the past term has allowed us to tweak our approach for this term. We hope you find our approach helpful, supportive and clear. We are all still learning how best to support our pupils and families during this unfamiliar time but our commitment to ensure learning and teaching continues remains the same.

Please do not hesitate to make contact with myself or Miss Ross should you have any questions.

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