

Abernethy PS HT 'Remote' Update – Term 3, wk. 2, 2020/2021

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As always, I hope this finds you and your family fit and well.

As we continue with our 2nd Lockdown which is impacting on our school, my aim is to forward a bulletin to you all each week in the form of a 'HT Remote Update'. This shall include any updates or any useful tips for supporting remote learning. (Tips shall be marked with a 🖐️)

I hope you find these updates and tips useful and informative.

Ms Suz McKenzie

Headteacher

Abernethy Primary & Nursery



Remote Learning

Our Abernethy Remote Learning is now well under way. So far, we are pleased with the level of engagement across the school and we shall be continuing to monitor this. Well done to everyone for all their hard work.

Staff are working both in and out of school to deliver differentiated learning to each class. As we have been advising, please remember to only do what you can. Don't put yourself under undue stress; in addition, we are always here to help.

🖐️ On days when time is short due to family working schedules, focus on Literacy, Numeracy, Health & Wellbeing. These key skills will then continue to progress and be fresh in our pupils' minds.

🖐️ Nursery parents, your child's electronic profile on Seesaw will be evidence of their time at Nursery. Parents can add any photographs or comments onto Seesaw about what you have done after watching our staff learning clips.



Live Lessons

Live Lessons are a new element to our Scottish approach to Remote Learning.

Abernethy staff are working hard to set these up and get used to teaching in this way; often experimenting with a range of approaches until they find which one meets the needs of their groups/class. Your patience is much appreciated at this time until we are in full swing.

🖐️ Be brave! Pupil independence in these lessons is our aim. Therefore, please do not feel like you must be sitting with your child during their lessons. We are working hard to replicate a teaching group situation as would be in class. Be close by if you wish; each child shall be in safe hands whilst attending their lesson.

🖐️ Help to provide a quiet space for your child to be on their lesson, away from noises or distractions e.g. radio, TV's or even siblings & pets



Microsoft Teams

We appreciate setting up Teams is taking a little while, so group support at this point is key. We are not alone.

We have had a few technical issues that have been in the wider context of access points for all pupils and staff.

To help with this, it is key that pupils are accessing teams using the Microsoft Teams app which they can download via Glow and using their **glow email only**. From P2-7 we shall now only be using meeting access via each child's Microsoft Teams calendar and not via a link sent on Seesaw. An invite to the meetings shall be sent directly to your child's team calendar by class teachers.

👉 Use internet safety resources to support your child's use of chat within teams. There is a social element to using teams, but the chat focus within class teams should remain on learning within the learning channels. Some teachers may introduce a chat channel if classes show responsible use. It is worth reminding your child that each message they type or emoji they post, results in a notification directly to the teacher and can be seen by every class member.



Hub Updates

We have 2 hubs in Abernethy. One for Nursery-P1 and one for P2-7.

Our pupils attending are working hard to settle into this new routine. A routine which is not school, not home, but a new unfamiliar routine. Our staff are providing the nurture and guidance that is required to support each child. We are very proud of all our pupils (and staff) who are away from their families currently and tackling this new experience.

👉 Staff shall support pupils to work through some of their learning. Weekly tasks e.g. spelling, tables, reading, will still need support from home to complete.

