

Remote Learning Update

New developments in teaching and learning at Airedale Junior and Infant School

Over the last two weeks, I have been staggered and amazed by the commitment of our children and their adults at home to complete remote learning under these difficult circumstances.

We have built on the expectations from the very first months we moved to remote learning in March 2020, when none of us really understood how to even start, to becoming paperless for all homework and being interactive on the Seesaw platform in ways that never cease to amaze me. I wish we had saved the outtakes from the very first videos staff created to support home learning in September-we all cringed together- but everything during the covid-19 pandemic has been a learning curve and everyone is constantly looking for ways we can further develop and enhance the remote learning experience for all children.

Your feedback has been invaluable and helped us mould our remote curriculum into one, which not only helps with academic achievement, but helps keep children in touch with their teacher and friends positively.

The interactivity of Seesaw with the adults in school and phone calls home all help us keep in touch and stay safe while we learn, but we knew there was an element we could add to make this even better, so we are proud to launch 'GoToMeeting' by LogMeIn.

Each week, your child will still have video uploads and activities set on Seesaw. Teachers will continue to expect this to be completed, uploaded for marking, with any actions completed by the children. The missing piece of the jigsaw, we feel, is the ability to have 'live' contact with the adults in class. This is where 'GoToMeeting' by LogMeIn comes in.



Each week your child's teacher will timetable several live sessions (these will be shared every Monday by the class teacher) - be this story time or show and tell for the youngest children, an interactive music lesson with the external providers or a learning support session, where your child can get support from their teacher directly and check in with their friends on screen. Your child will be able to log in at their appointed time- these will be carefully coordinated so year groups are separate- and join in the fun!

Links, a 'How to video' and a handy help-guide will be posted to parents via seesaw to show you how to download the APP on Apple and Android devices, if you access seesaw via a tablet or phone.

Rules for these sessions will be shared by the teachers on Seesaw and we ask during the first session for parents to be available to support children to learn and follow the new remote learning routines.

Thank you again for your commitment and dedication in keeping everyone safe while learning at home.

Mrs K M Robinson