



New Machar School – Home Learning Guidance

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to provide you clear guidance that will hopefully support you and your child's learning over the next few weeks, please note this is **GUIDANCE** only and not an **EXPECTATION**.

This is aimed to help maintain your child's routine and wellbeing.

How will our learning will be shared?

- Senior Leadership Team will upload an overview of activities the day prior to activities being assigned to pupils. All activities are optional and there is no expectation for pupils/parents to ensure they are completed daily.
- Activities will be appear on your child's Seesaw account from 9am – to access the activities, pupils should click on to the "Activities" tab. Should they wish to complete an activity, they should click the "Add Response" option so their work goes directly to their class teacher.
- At the end of the day (3.15pm), activities will be archived to allow a fresh set of activities to be uploaded the next day.
- Class teachers will provide feedback throughout the day to any responses from the assigned activities.
- Activities will range from pre-set work on Seesaw/links to websites/videos/e-books as well as ideas on how to support pupil learning in creative ways.

How can parents/carers support learning at home?

- During this unprecedented time, there is no obligation for parents to become "teachers". As a school, all we are asking is where possible, you engage with some of the activities set by our Class Teachers.
- As work assigned will be a consolidation of skills already learnt at school, parents should aim to support the learning by encouraging pupils to try their best, have a go and to provide advice when required.
- At this point, we ask that **pupils only upload responses to activities set by their Class Teachers**. This will avoid work getting "lost" amongst notifications.
- Ensure any photos/videos being uploaded are clear for our staff to be able to read/hear.
- ***Be creative – our activities are simply suggestions of what you can do at home. Be responsive to your child's wellbeing, you know them best!***
- Keep an eye out on our Social Media account (@MacharNew – FB/Twitter) and website, where we will continue to upload "handy hints" to support learning at home.
- If you would like to contact your child's class teacher, please email the school (newmachar.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk), where your message will be passed on to the class teacher. They may respond via a "note" on Seesaw.

Please remember we are new to this style of learning as well, so you are not on your own.

Thank you for your support,

Senior Leadership Team

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