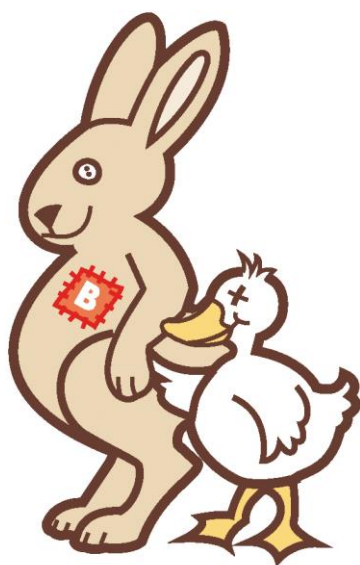


Remote Learning Policy



**BALLYMONEY NURSERY
SCHOOL**

Rationale

Remote learning is where the student and teacher are not physically present in a traditional classroom environment for a specified period. Educational resources, information and support for pupils is provided through hard copy learning resources and/or online including through e-learning platforms. The nature of remote learning provision will vary across schools who need the flexibility to plan and provide remote learning that is suitable for their particular circumstances. This includes considering the age and learning needs of pupils, as well as the content of particular areas of learning. Remote learning for younger pupils and those who may have additional learning needs will typically need more involvement from parents, whilst some older pupils may be able to learn more independently.

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In line with advice from the Department of Education we have a contingency plan in place for the delivery of remote learning in the event of a school closure, or that a class bubble needs to self-isolate.

Aim

- To provide an effective programme of remote learning which aids the development of our children and supports parents/carers at home whilst maintain a sense of school community.

Objectives

- To provide appropriate activity ideas for the children to carry out at home which will consolidate and further develop their skills and knowledge.
- To support parents as they assist their children with their learning.
- To maintain open communication channels and contact with parents/carers and the school.
- For children who are not at school to have a daily input from their class teacher to help maintain part of their routine.
- For children to be able to share with their class teacher the learning that they have undertaken at home.
- To maintain a sense of school community when learning is remote.

Implementation

Access

It is important that the remote learning activities are accessible to all children. Almost all the activities will not require the internet or an electronic device as much of the learning at this age is practical. Seesaw and emails will facilitate the sharing of the remote learning activities. The school will provide a hard copy for parents/carers who do not have access to these. As of January 2021 all of our families access our school emails and Seesaw therefore will be able to access the activities.

Home learning bags

Every child has received a Home Learning bag that was created by the school and funded by the Getting Ready to Learn team. These bags were accompanied with a leaflet with various ideas of how to use the items in the bags. These can be used at any time to enhance the children's development.

Home learning activities

A table of 16 home learning activities will be created each month. The ideas will be designed to provide learning from the different pre-school curricular areas and be based on the what would have been taken place in school. These will be emailed at the beginning of each month and uploaded to the school website.

Parents/Carers are encouraged to share photographs and videos of their children carrying out the activities on their Seesaw account. The class teacher will then provide feedback on them (during working hours 8.30am - 3.30pm).

Virtual daily input

During a period of remote learning, each class teacher will upload a short video to Seesaw each school day for the children to watch. The video might include a small talk, story or song. These will be uploaded to Seesaw at approximately 9.30am and 1.00pm each school day for children to watch. However, they can be watched at a time that suits the parent/carers.

Additional input

In addition to the core home learning sheet and daily teacher input, there will be occasions when staff members upload videos for the children to watch and engage with. These might be activities such as Sticky Kids or listening to a story. These will be shared on Seesaw and on the Private School Facebook Page.

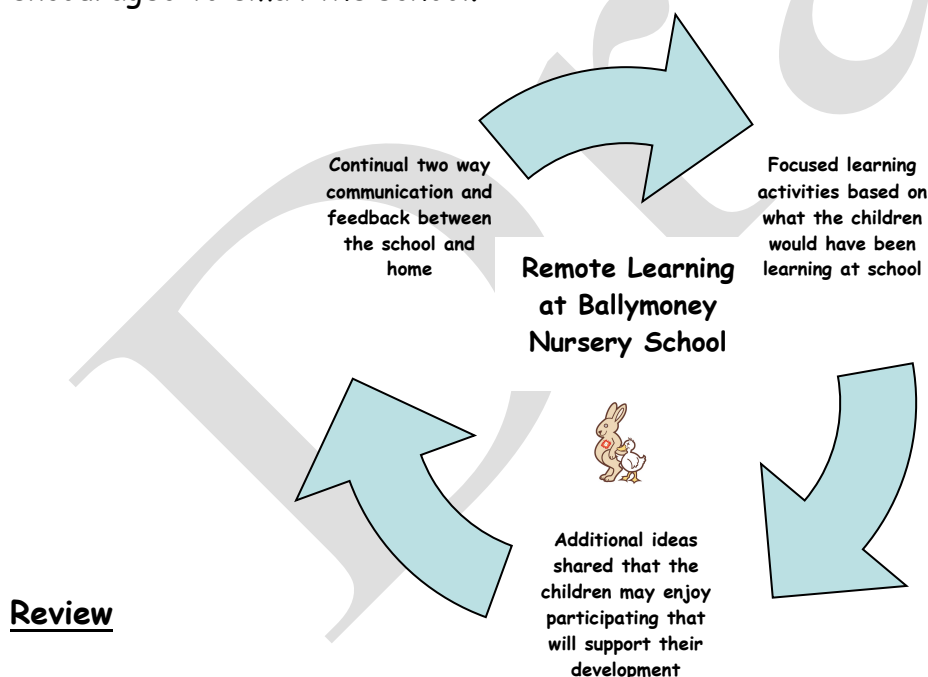
There will also be ideas that the children would enjoy carrying out that will be shared occasionally on the school's Facebook during the time of remote learning. Parents/carers are invited to upload photos/videos of their children undertaken these tasks or other activities during their time at home. During the first Lockdown, we found that doing this helped maintain our sense of school community.

Routines

Many parents/carers will have work commitments as well as home schooling older siblings. Therefore, the activities are optional and can be carried out at a time that suits the parents/carers. To help maintain some of the usual nursery routine, at approximately 9.30am and 1.00pm each day, the class teacher will upload a short video on Seesaw for the class to watch.

Communication

Parents/Carers are encouraged to communicate any queries about their children's learning with their child's class teacher via the Seesaw app. If parents would like a one to one discussion with the class teacher they can request this via Seesaw. Any general enquiries with regard to the school e.g. reopening date then parents/carers, access to Seesaw etc are encouraged to email the school.



Review

This policy will be reviewed as required in the light of new guidance provided by the Department of Education.

Chairperson

Date

Principal

Date

January 2021