



# West Linton Primary School

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**West Linton Primary School & West Linton Parent Council – Joint response to Frequently Asked Questions regarding Home/ Remote Learning.**

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## GOOD NEWS STORIES!

- Daily catch ups
- IT devices provided to those in need
- Learning to be uploaded before Monday morning to enable planning
- Children of key workers accommodated in the school Hub.
- Support for Learning and co-ordinated support continues virtually so that pupils needs continue to be met.
- All pupils at West Linton Primary have engaged with Home Learner or are being given technical support to ensure engagement.

## Remote Learning - FAQs

- 1. IT. The school iPads aren't enabled to print. Can this function be enabled?**
  - A. We have fed this back to the Inspire Learning team who are investigating whether this is possible.
- 2. IT. The school iPads are unable to open any links to YouTube. Can this be resolved?**
  - A. Inspire Learning are aware of this and are planning a fix. In the meantime teachers are making use of Vimeo.
- 3. Hubs. Are children who attend the hubs receiving more face-to-face teaching time than those children learning at home? We are worried those in the hubs may be at an advantage over those at home.**
  - A. Scottish Borders Council have issued VERY strict criteria as to which children are invited to attend school in person. The hubs are staffed on a rota basis according to staff availability and very often by support staff so that teachers can be available live on Teams for their classes. Children attending the hubs are given the same task map activities as those at home and there are no face to face lessons happening in the hub. Any time left after completing task map activities is spent on free choice play, not extra 'teaching'.
- 4. Support and Challenge. Could additional work be posted for those children who are completing the set work quickly?**
  - A. Online learning is not intended to replicate a 'real life classroom experience'. It is important that children have some time to do other things as well as their set tasks. However, teachers have been posting some additional optional tasks for those willing to try them.
- 5. 'Live' Lessons. Is it possible to have more 'live' lessons?**
  - A. This week, we have implemented a 'daily catch-up' for each class to have a brief meet with teachers and classmates Via Teams. We also have our virtual whole school assembly on a Thursday and the class teachers arrange a learning focused Class Meet, once per week.

We feel that this is a good balance along with recorded teaching videos available for pupils to access at a time that suits them. We are aware that our school community consists of families from varied home situations with parents also working from home. This mixed delivery model allows flexibility to support those who cannot always be available to stream live interactions.