

Learning at Home FAQs (07/01/21)

It can be daunting starting the term without having both the structure that the school day provides and the face-to-face interaction with staff and peers. Some of you will be understandably worried about a return to home learning. The list of FAQs below will answer some of your questions about what lies ahead.



How do I join my classes?

As a school we will use Google Classroom to deliver online learning. Most pupils should already be familiar with this as it was used by teachers to deliver lessons during the first lockdown and has continued to be used to support learning in many subject areas from Aug-Dec. If you have not used it before or have forgotten how to, then please read through the following pupil guide: [Pupil Google Classroom Guide V3.0.pdf](#).

To gain access to your classes, there a Google Classroom for each year group – parents/carers will be sent an access code via text message or email this week. In this classroom, a full list of subjects with access codes are provided. Your first task should be to make sure you are signed up for all of your classes. You may already be members of some of these classes but please check the list carefully as some have been added or changed.

What should I do if I can't access Google Classroom?

If you have followed the steps in the pupil guide given above with no success, or have any other queries about Glow or Google Classroom then please contact Mr Jappy - alasdair.jappy@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Who should I contact for support?

For curricular support please contact your class teacher through Google Classroom

If you require more specific support then please contact your Guidance teacher directly:

Mr Black, Conveth House - david.black@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Mrs Dunn, Drumtochty House - frederique.dunn@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Mrs Stevenson, Johnston House - eleonor.stevenson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Mrs Jamieson, Thornton House – kerrie.jamieson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Will I need to be online at certain times of day?

There may be occasions when you need to be online at certain times – this will be communicated by your class teacher if required. In most cases, however, your teachers will issue blocks of work which can be completed at your own pace, at a time of your choosing, over the course of the week. This is designed to give you the flexibility you need to balance your time between school and other commitments. We would encourage you to create your own routine and stick to it, spending time on all your subjects and not just your favourites!

What will the work look like?

The work provided will take a variety of forms. Depending on the subject, lessons will be delivered through a combination of notes to read, worked examples, audio files and videos. Staff will also provide exercises, quizzes and activities for you to complete. There will still be deadlines to meet and a requirement that you submit certain pieces of work for feedback through Google Classroom.

What supports are available?

Your Guidance teacher, SLT and class teachers will continue to offer support if required.

Below is a list of some additional supports on offer should you require it:

[School Careers Adviser](#) – Angus Hutcheon, our Careers Adviser, continues to be available to pupils and parents/carers if they require any support with careers advice, college applications etc.

[The Reach](#) – Scottish Government website which provides information to young people on coping while schools are closed.

[YoungMinds](#) - Website for young people struggling with their mental health. Here you can find tips, advice and where to get support during this outbreak.

[Aberdeenshire Educational Psychology Service](#) - A new Educational Psychology website for Wellbeing and ASN resources to support children & young people through these difficult times.