

Home Learning

We now have 99% of the school up and running with Google Classrooms. Thanks to the wonderful Miss Duncan and her amazing IT skills, we have supported many families to access this new system and log in ready to start properly next week. We appreciate your patience going forward as we too learn how to use this new system! Our dedicated staff have worked tirelessly to upskill themselves ready to roll this out to you all.

We will of course welcome any feedback and would encourage you to join our Parent Voice Teams Meeting at 6:30pm on the 20th of January which will focus on home learning. (Link to the meeting will be sent out via e-mail to all parents/carers.)

Google Classroom....What you can expect?

- Will we receive a weekly planner as a guide each week?

Yes, each class will be provided with a weekly overview grid which you can view on the class 'Stream'. This will be uploaded at 5pm each Friday, some parents requested this in advance of the week ahead.

- Will the class teacher be offering 'live learning'?

No, we are not currently offering live interactive sessions at Dunnottar School. Class teachers will however provide a variety of videos/links to tutorials to aid learning.

- Can pupils send a message to the whole class?

Although this is possible we are not opening up this function at the moment. We may choose to allow this when we are feeling more confident in using Google Classrooms as a team, but we need to walk before we can run.

- Will my child receive feedback on every piece of work submitted?

Although the class teacher will check all of the work submitted they may not comment on every single piece of work. This would also have been the case if they were in class. Every child will receive feedback from their teacher regarding some of their work over the course of the week.

- Can I expect feedback on the tasks completed on the same day they have been submitted?

Class teachers will try to check work, and comment where appropriate, as quickly as possible. However the children are aware that the class teacher can not always mark their work and return it in the same day when in school. This is even more challenging at the moment as we navigate a new system.

- Will class teachers be available to answer questions from the children regarding their work from 8:55am to 3:15pm?

No, currently we have class teachers working from home, often caring for young family and therefore they need to be able to set their own work schedule to suit their own personal circumstances. Each class teacher will also need to dedicate some time towards preparing activities and recording tutorials therefore they will not be able to give instant feedback/support as they may not have Google Classroom open at all times. Each class will be monitored daily and we will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible when support is required.

- Can we continue to access Sumdog and Nessy?



Yes for P2-P7, however the class teachers will not be uploading specific tasks to Sumdog during this lockdown. Numeracy/Maths activities will be set through your child's Google Classroom. (The school code for Sumdog is otter.)

- Will all tasks have a due date?

Most tasks will be allocate the due date of the following Sunday at 5pm.



16 Everyday Activities That Count as Learning

- 1. Cooking & Baking 
- 2. Meal Planning 
- 3. Budgeting 
- 4. Checking the Weather Forecast 
- 5. Building with LEGO 
- 6. Playing Card Games 
- 7. Playing Board Games 
- 8. Doing Puzzles 
- 9. Imaginative Play 
- 10. Listening to Music 
- 11. Reading 
- 12. Coloring, Drawing, Painting 
- 13. Listening to Podcasts or Audiobooks 
- 14. Writing Letters or Emails 
- 15. Taking a Walk 
- 16. Cleaning & Doing Chores 

Remember learning comes in many forms!

