



# Carnforth Christ Church C of E Primary School

## HOME LEARNING POLICY

### MISSION STATEMENT

Carnforth Christ Church C of E Primary School is a vibrant, stimulating and caring educational community which exists to celebrate the uniqueness of every person, made as they are in the image and likeness of God.

At Carnforth Christ Church, we believe that God is with us as our guide; 'we know it by the Spirit He gave us' (1 John 3:24) and 'the fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, against such things there is no law.' (Galatians 5: 22-23) We live by the Spirit, for the Spirit and with the Spirit – this is our central ethos.

### RATIONALE

Due to coming into contact with Covid-19, individuals or whole classes, known as 'bubbles' may be required to stay at home and 'self-isolate' to reduce the transmission of the infection. During this time of isolation, children may not be 'ill', and will still be able to 'learn from home'.

As a school, it is our responsibility to provide children who are isolating with high quality learning activities throughout their period of isolation, to ensure learning is able to continue.

### ORGANISATION

Every child and member of classroom staff has been set up with a log in for the online learning platform 'Google Classroom' and have all been shown how to access their Google Classroom account. Children's log in details are provided to parents at the beginning of each academic year.

Google Classroom has been selected as our choice of online learning platform due to its ease of logging on, its ability to set and share activities and the ability to communicate and provide feedback, support and challenge, as appropriate.

From the child's first full day of absence, work will be provided each day, via Google Classroom, and will be broadly in line with the planned curriculum and as close as practically possible to the in-class activities the child will be missing.

It is the responsibility of the class teacher (and teaching assistant in event of a full bubble closure) to set, oversee and feedback to the children who are undertaking home learning. In the event of the class teacher being unwell, this responsibility will be temporarily undertaken by the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher, until the class teacher is able to resume this.

### CURRICULUM

Each day, children will be provided with home learning activities in the core subjects of English and mathematics, as well as at least one other curriculum area.

The content of these activities should allow children to be learning alongside their peers who are in school – in terms of where practically possible. In the case of a full bubble closure, children should be provided with learning opportunities to move learning forward. These activities **should not** just consolidate previous learning and should be broadly in line with long term curriculum plans.

## **MONITORING AND FEEDBACK**

Feedback should be provided for each piece of work submitted by a child and should be of a standard equal to that provided in school. In the event of a full bubble closure, staff will be available to provide more immediate feedback; however, in the event of an individual isolating, feedback will be provided at the end of the school day.

If a child is not accessing the home learning provided, it is the class teacher's responsibility to contact parents to discuss the learning activities provided and what we as a school can do to support the child/parents in accessing the home learning activities. Class teachers should offer support with logging on and accessing Google Classroom. In the event of children still being unable to access Google Classroom, paper packs should be provided to ensure children are still able to access the home learning resources, in line with their peers.

If, following contact by the class teacher, a child is still not engaging with home learning activities, the Headteacher will contact parents to further discuss barriers to learning and remind parents that learning from home is expected during this period of isolation.

## **ILLNESS**

If a child is ill due to Covid-19 (or other illnesses) and would not normally be well enough to attend school, they will not be expected to complete home learning activities until they are well enough. Parents and carers will be asked to inform school by telephone, email or a message to the class teacher via Google Classroom to explain that their child is unwell and will therefore not be completing home learning activities.

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