



St Brigid's Primary

Home Learning Charter

January 2021



In Veritate et Caritate, In truth and love

What is St Brigid's home learning charter?

Our home learning charter is a set of guidelines to help our children, parents, carers and extended families to understand our expectations and principles around home learning.

These guidelines have been developed to support the community of St Brigid's Primary during this period of school closure or any self isolation period.

Home learning is learning done from **home supported by a teacher** through our online platform, Showbie.



Key Principles required for Effective Home Learning

1. Communication

Communication is vitally important throughout any lockdown. Feeling a connection to others helps address any feelings of loneliness and also maintains positive relationships. Our charter promotes a balance between school work and free time ensuring that school work is set as appropriate and that there is adequate family time. We want our children to communicate with their teachers daily so they know and continue to have pride in being members of the St Brigid's community.

2. Ensuring Consistent Routines

The whole school day is based on routine and this is important for children as well as adults as it promotes good habits. Teachers will provide learning daily and support children to ensure that they develop routines which are helpful and allow for effective learning.

3. Little and Often

Overleaf you will find a list of what will be provided on a daily basis for children through Showbie. This is less than what would be expected across a normal school week and is in no way designed to replicate the school day. Teachers will ensure that new learning is posted as per arrangements overleaf.

4. Children are responsible for

- Checking their class Showbie for work posted every day by class teacher.
- Ensuring that they complete instructions from their class teacher and that they do so, as much as they can, in expected timescales.
- Asking for clarification or assistance from their teacher when necessary.



A Typical Day On Showbie



- Teachers will be available from 9:00am to 2:00pm with breaks. Each teacher will advise when they will not be available.
- Teachers will provide 1 literacy and 1 numeracy task per day.
- Teachers will also provide a grid of learning activities across the other curricular areas which is designed to be completed by children as per the instructions from their teacher. **(Not all in the one day).**
- Teachers will provide feedback on any work submitted by 2:00pm and will be returned by the end of that day unless otherwise stated by the teacher.
- One teaching day in every ten will be set aside for class teachers to phone the children in their class; children will complete their **learning grid for lessons** that day and teachers will let children know that they will not be available online.

Lessons will be delivered in a variety of ways -

- Teachers may prepare a PowerPoint with a voiceover to guide the children during the lesson.
- Include short video lessons recorded by themselves or sourced.
- Voice memos can be used.
- They will also post links to websites to support learning.

How can parents and carers support their children?



- They can provide an appropriate environment for home learning for example a work space and uninterrupted periods of time.
- Give appropriate support to children from P1-P4 to engage with tasks and communicate effectively with their teacher.
- Promote a healthy balance between home learning and family time.
- Encourage home learning to be undertaken **where possible in the typical hours of a school day.**
- We understand that home learning can be tricky given everyone's different and varied personal circumstances, with that in mind, we encourage families to do what they can, when they can.
- Please contact us at the school if you need any help—we will be open for the duration of this lockdown period and we will not be forming a 'hub' with another school.
- We are very much open to feedback and we will request formal feedback through an online survey after we have delivered a short period of online learning. However if there is something that you wish to be addressed before our survey comes out then do not hesitate to contact us.

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