

Remote Learning at Toft Hill Primary School
Guidance for Using Online Learning Platforms

Class Dojo



Class Dojo is our main platform for communicating with pupils and their families and uploading home learning activities. This can be accessed through the Class Dojo website, www.classdojo.com, or downloading the app on a smart phone or tablet. It is important that each child and a parent/ carer is signed up to Class Dojo to ensure that they keep up to date with all information and learning. Parents/ Carers can do this by accepting an invitation in an email sent by school or by downloading the app and entering a code provided by school. Children can log in by scanning a QR code provided by school or following a link sent in an email. Please see the video guide below for getting started. Click on the link!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gjS1U8wiH7A>

School Story

Use the school story to keep up to date with the latest news, information and advice from school. Mrs Stobbs and staff members will use this feed to update on whole school issues or provide links that will be useful to our whole school community.

Class Story

Staff linked with your child's class are able to contribute to the Class Story feed. This is where teachers will post updates specifically for that class. Home learning activities will be posted here too. Parents/ Carers and pupils should check their Class Story daily. Attachments of worksheets, website links etc will be provided on here to help you to access any relevant home learning activities.

Portfolio

This is individual to your child. Only parents and pupils can see the child's unique Portfolio. This is where staff will post messages, learning activities that are specifically for the child. It is also where your child can 'hand in' work to their teacher. Children should select the icon of the world, click on 'Create new' or the blue + symbol and chose how they wish to create or submit their work. They are able to work online by writing a 'Journal' entry or creating a 'Drawing' and sending it directly. They can upload a 'Photo' or 'Video' of their work directly from the app or uploading from their device photo/ video library. Teachers are then able to provide feedback through comments that can be made on the child's post before approving and sharing the work and feedback with parents. Please see the video guide below for using the Portfolio. Click on the link!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnfJDONJvCY>

Messages

Parents have the facility to send and receive text messages directly with teachers. Teachers will respond as soon as is reasonably possible. We have a duty to monitor teacher workload and well-being and so 'Quiet Hours' have been set between 5pm and 8am, during this time you are able to message parents if necessary but you should not expect a response until the working hours of 8am and 5pm. Teachers may choose to work beyond these hours and will always strive to ensure that they provide contact in a timely manner.

Update

Home learning will either be uploaded to the 'Class Story' or children's individual 'Portfolio'. There is now an option to upload a worksheet that can be completed on screen in the 'Drawing' facility. This will help to reduce the need for printing.

Children should upload any completed work and hand in through the website or the app. We are required to monitor engagement with home learning and this provides an excellent evidence base. We will contact families who are struggling to access the home learning and offer help and support.

Oak National Academy



<https://www.thenational.academy/>

Oak's online classroom has 10,000 video lessons created by teachers which are available for free by following the link above. Oak is backed by the Department for Education and, last term, provided nearly 5 million pupils with 20 million lessons.

You can use Oak's online classroom on any device, you don't need to log in or remember a password. Your child's teacher will provide links to the relevant lessons via Class Dojo. You can also use it to select learning activities that your child may be interested in and enjoy but we would recommend following the guidance of class teachers in the first instance.

Each of Oak's lessons is delivered by a trained teacher, over a pre-recorded video. It's clear at the start of each session any basic materials you might need, such as pens, paper, etc. The lessons are designed to need minimal supervision, although this will depend on the age of your child. This is an ideal option for parents who are trying to balance supporting home learning and working and running a home at the same time! A wealth of further information can be found on the website.

White Rose Maths



<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

Teachers use the White Rose maths scheme to inform their planning for class based learning and so the home learning resources fit ideally with the classroom curriculum. They produce daily home learning activities and every lesson comes with a short video showing you clearly and simply how to help your child complete the activity successfully. As a school, we buy into the premium resources and can provide you with the relevant activity sheets to match the lessons. Teachers will upload these on Class Dojo. You can print the pages or, alternately, your child could work from the screen recording the answers in their books provided. There is also an option on Class Dojo now to use the drawing tools to complete sheets. Remember to upload work on Class Dojo for teachers to check and provide feedback!

Pearson Bug Club
Phonics & Reading for Reception – Year 3



<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

This website is where children can find teaching activities and games that support our phonics scheme of learning. Teachers can allocate appropriate activities and reading books so that children can work at their own level. Children have been provided with log in details for their own accounts. If you require new log in details then please contact your child's class teacher. Allocated resources can be found under the 'My Stuff' tab which is then divided into Phonics based and Guided/Independent books that are specifically for your child to work on.

The e-books have questions throughout for children to respond to. Questions are hidden behind the bug images throughout each text. Children must answer all available questions for the book to register as complete. Teachers can monitor books read and children's responses to questions. Children can earn rewards to play games as a reward for their hard work!

More detailed instructions, information, guidance and help for pupils is available by following the link below.



<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/help?s=student-index>

Accelerated Reader

Years 2-6

Unfortunately, we don't have the facility for children to quiz on their reading books from home but this should not stop them from reading! Aim for your child to read for 30 minutes per day. They could make notes on the books that they read and quiz on their return to school. Mr Sproat will monitor quizzes taken after a delay in reading the text to ensure that it does not impact upon your child's accelerated reader data.

BBC Bitesize



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

BBC Bitesize have designed a series of Maths and English catch-up lessons for primary pupils. Parents can pick their child's current school year, click on either Maths or English, and start learning. Teachers will provide links where appropriate. No specific log in is required and everything can be accessed through the website.

They also have collections of Maths, English, science, history and geography resources, videos and worksheets

Children can dive into the videos, quizzes, articles and practice activities to bring a fun element to learning at home. Again, teachers will sign post parents and pupils to relevant learning activities for their curriculum via Class Dojo.

Alternatively, or you can just pick your year group and subject to find a topic and get started.

Spelling/ Maths Shed



<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

Individual pupil log in details are needed to access the main parts of this site. Your child's class teacher will provide them. You can message on Class Dojo for updated or lost log in details. This is a website to supplement main learning and provides the opportunity for children to practice spelling and basic number skills in a fun and interactive way. Teachers will inform you via Class Dojo if they have updated activities or spelling lists on Spelling Shed.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Years 2-6



<https://trockstars.com/>

Individual pupil log in details are required to access the main parts of the site. Children can practice their rapid recall of multiplication and division facts in a fun way. Teachers will provide individual pupil log in details. Teachers will inform you via Class Dojo if they have updated any activities.