



Strathaven Academy

Home Learning April 2020

We are living in extraordinary times and we understand that learning in Term 4 will be different for our pupils. We also know that we find ourselves in a new and evolving situation and that we must be both ambitious in our learning, yet realistic too. In addition to supporting the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils, a key goal will be to maintain engagement in learning with approaches that are appropriate to young people in different age groups, in different home circumstances and with different levels of digital access.

We have produced guidance below that we hope will support pupils and parents/carers with managing home learning during this term. We fully understand that there may be times when it is difficult for young people and their family to focus on learning and therefore acknowledge that the guidance below needs to be adapted for individual circumstances. This information will inevitably evolve as we receive more guidance both from Scottish Government and from our local authority.

Our parental survey suggested that access to I.T. was not always possible and therefore we will make sure that learning does not always have to be done online or through digital channels or platforms. We know that there are many other learning resources and activities, including books, television, radio, and creative activities in the home and the garden, which are enjoyable and engaging for learners.

At this time, the principal aim is to keep children engaged and connected with school, and to support parents by providing a variety of activities to keep learners occupied and happy, in a way that reinforces and supports their learning. We hope to offer quality tasks which focus on deepening understanding and applying skills previously taught in new and creative ways.

We suggest that young people in S1-S3 do no more than 2-3 hours of school directed work per day. Pupils in S4-S5 should be able to attempt 4-5 hours per subject / per week for Higher / Advanced Higher and 3-4 hours per subject / per week for National 5 courses. These hours are notional and every learner will be different. However, it should be noted that it is much more beneficial to have a successful hour of learning where the young person enjoys the work.

Google Classroom is our chosen platform for learning and teaching. All tasks and resources will be shared via Google Classroom and any interactions should be via this platform, including submitting work and pupil correspondence with teachers. ShowMyHomework will be used to send out new Google Classroom codes and reminders.

S1

We have divided learning into Core and Additional subjects. Each week, learners should aim to complete all core subjects and then choose 5 additional subjects to work on. Tasks for the week will be issued on a Monday to allow learners to plan their week.

Core subjects

Learners in S1 should aim to complete approximately 3 hours of each core subject per week:

- English / Literacy,
- Maths / Numeracy,
- Health and Wellbeing including PE.

Additional subjects

To maintain breadth and ensure learners cover the curriculum we would recommend choosing one subject from 5 of the additional subjects in week 1 and a different 5 subjects in week 2, and so on.

- Creative and Aesthetics (Art/Home Economics/Music)
- Modern Languages (French/Spanish)
- Science
- Social Subjects (Geography/History/Modern Studies/RME)
- Technologies (Business/Computing/Technical)

e.g. Week 1 - Art, RME, Science, Spanish and History

Week 2 – Music, Business, Home Economics, French and Technical.

Learners should spend 30-60 minutes on each additional subject across the week.

Information for parents/carers on how to use Google Classroom is available on our website.

S2

We have divided learning into Core and Additional subjects. Each week, learners should aim to complete all core subjects and then focus on those additional subjects chosen for study in S3. Tasks for the week will be issued on a Monday to allow learners to plan their week.

Core subjects

Learners in S2 should aim to complete approximately 3 hours of each core subject per week:

- English / Literacy,
- Maths / Numeracy,
- Health and Wellbeing including PE.

Additional subjects

Learners should spend 30-60 minutes on each additional subject across the week. Each learner has chosen 6 additional subjects to study in S3. Learners should choose to study these 6 subject each week.

- Drama
- Creative and Aesthetics (Art/Home Economics/Music)
- Modern Languages (French/Spanish)
- Science (Biology/Chemistry/Physics)
- Social Subjects (Geography/History/Modern Studies/RME)
- Technologies (Business/Computing/Technical/Graphics/Admin)

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S3

Learners in S3 should now begin work on their chosen subjects for next session (National 4/ National 5/Level 5 courses). Learners in S3 should aim for 15-20 hours of work across the week covering English, Maths, Health and Wellbeing and the subjects they have chosen to study. If possible, learners are encouraged to join their new National 4/5 Google Classrooms where teachers will direct learners to the work to be undertaken.

Learners at this stage should be able to take responsibility for engaging with resources and tasks to support their own learning.

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S4/S5

Learners in S4/S5 should now begin work on their chosen subjects for next session (National 5 / Higher / Advanced Higher / Level 5/ Level 6 courses). Learners should aim for 20-25 hours of work across the week i.e. 4 to 5 hours per subject. Learners should join the new Google Classroom for each of their subjects where teachers will direct the work to be undertaken. Codes have been issued through Show My Homework which can be accessed through Glow.

Learners at this stage should be able to take full responsibility for engaging with resources and tasks to support their own learning.

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All correspondence from parents/carers including questions regarding subject choices should be sent to the school office (office@strathaven.s-lanark.sch.uk). Teaching staff will not respond to direct enquiries.