

Guidance for Parents and Carers January 2021

From 11th January, learning tasks and resources will be available so that all children and young people can access them during the course of the school day/week. Guidance will be provided to parents and carers by their schools on how to manage the school work. Schools will adopt a delivery approach which best suits their context. This may include the following:



- providing learning tasks and resources on-line
- providing physical copies of learning resources
- recorded learning which learners can access flexibly
- live learning/check-ins

Schools are not expected to completely replicate the school timetable remotely. Schools will adopt the best model for learner engagement to reflect their context and needs of their learners and families. As a guide, the combination of learning tasks set should allow for the below recommended hours of pupil engagement:



- Primary: 15-20 hours weekly
- S1-S3: 15-20 hours weekly
- Senior Phase: 20-25 hours weekly

Every child will have regular access to a teacher, with set times during the week when teachers or other staff will check-in to provide support with learning, provide feedback or check-in with pupils (classes, groups or individuals) regarding their Health & Wellbeing.

The facility for recorded video teaching is available for all. Although there will be examples where live (synchronous) teaching is used, it will not be the default. Research supports learning approaches which aim to 'chunk' learning into more manageable chunks and allow for young people to access the learning more flexibly, for example through pre-recorded learning or on-line learning resources.

If your child experiences challenges in accessing learning activities, please contact your school.