



Hilltop School

**Remote Learning
& Support 2021**



We recognise just how difficult the Covid-19 situation is for all of our learners and their families.

Although it is worrying and stressful we would encourage you to send your child into school unless they are extremely clinically vulnerable or need to be 'shielding'. We continue to make school a safe place to be and carefully follow all government guidance.

If your child is not attending school we want you all to feel supported by Hilltop school and to continue their education. We have a range of things we will offer you and your child.

All classes have theme/topics for learning each term and class teachers will share these with individual families and will look at what activities and experiences that can easily be done at home linked to these to support learning.

Home Learning Packs

If your child is able to access any 'paper based' learning the class teacher/team will provide regular work that your child can do at home. This will be looked at regularly by the teacher who will adapt to support future learning and progress. If you feel these need to change or be adapted for your child please contact in the first instance the class teacher.

Reading and enjoying books

Your child routinely shares books in school and we often share books related to the class theme/topic. Again, the class teacher will share individual books and resources linked to the class theme/topic.

School Resources

Individual students will respond to different resources. Many of our students have additional support at school for their learning using a wide range of resources. If you have not received any additional resources which will support learning at home please contact your class teacher and discuss what may help your child. We have a few laptops and iPads from the government which we could loan out to families who need additional support to engage your child. If you feel these would be useful please contact us. We do have additional funding to purchase resources to support home learning during Covid-19. Please ask if you need additional help or resources.

Virtual Meetings/Support/Learning

Many of our classes are offering twice weekly 'live' Microsoft Teams meetings where students who are able can join in with class activities like maths, literacy, good morning or topic sessions.



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Functional Skills

We would encourage you to support your child to develop their independence skills. Things like baking and simple cooking skills like making a snack or drink for themselves are really useful. If your child is working on any particular programme around toileting, feeding or mobility please look at ways to continue this. Help and support is available from the class teacher and family support team.

Communication

We have a communication team at school who will support directly if your child is using PECS, Makaton or AAC. We would encourage you to continue to develop their communication skills and the class teacher will support directly with this.

Weekly Phone Call

You should all have a 'wellbeing' phone call each week if your child is not attending school. Please use this as an opportunity to access additional support and help to direct your child's learning and education.

Wellbeing

We have two members of staff who specifically work to support students' wellbeing. If your child is worried, anxious and you feel would benefit from regular virtual Microsoft Teams communication or contact please arrange this through class teacher or Jayne Spalding and Andy Williams who lead and organise the family support team.

Family Support Team

The team are available to support with a range of issues you may have at home. They can support with sleep, communication, sensory needs, toilet training, challenging behaviours and establishing good routines.