



Carniny Primary School



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Dear Parent/Guardian

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As stated previously, we are delighted to inform you that a 'Home Learning' portal has been added to our school website. Over the next few days, weeks and months, teachers will upload documents and tasks for your child's class.

You can access the Home Learning portal at: <https://www.carninyprimary.co.uk/home-learning/>

Please note the following points:

- Teachers will add a daily outline of work for their class. This will be uploaded by 2.30pm the afternoon before, e.g. the work to be completed on Wednesday will be uploaded by 2.30pm on the Tuesday.
- If parents have any queries, an email should be sent to info@carninyps.ballymena.ni.sch.uk (FAO your child's teacher).
- Frequently Asked Questions will be addressed through Help Sheets uploaded on specific class pages.
- Teachers will not be in the position to mark work therefore we would advise that work is marked on completion at home.
- P4 – P7 children can continue to take AR quizzes at <https://ukhosted65.renlearn.co.uk/2071029/> (using individual AR Usernames and Passwords)

I want to stress to you that we do not expect you to be formal 'Teachers' as we understand that each family circumstance will be very different over the forthcoming weeks. You may have friends or other family members looking after your children or indeed, you may be working from home and juggling your own work as well as catering for your child. The purpose of the Home Learning Packs and the Home Learning Portal is to guide your child's learning and to keep the momentum of school going.

The biggest piece of advice we can give is encourage your child to READ (websites, magazines, books, leaflets). Remember, learning comes in different forms and the forthcoming weeks may provide children with the opportunity to learn different skills, for example, cooking, gardening, knitting etc.

We would advise you to keep to the schedule of the school day as best as you can. The following timetable may help to structure your day:

9.00am – 10.30am	Academic Time
10.30am – 10.45am	Break
10.45am – 12 noon	Academic Time
12 noon – 12.45pm	Lunch
12.45pm – 2.00pm	Academic Time (if necessary) Or Creative Time (Lego, jigsaws, craft etc.)
2.00pm – 3.00pm	Afternoon Fresh Air



This is new territory for staff, pupils and parents. Please be patient:

- with your child - encourage his/her efforts
- with the staff – they will also possibly be home-schooling and will be juggling their own home situation along with the planning and preparation for remote learning
- with yourself – you may have little or no background in education, just do your best!

We will be constantly monitoring and reviewing this process to ensure it works as well as it can for parents, pupils and staff.

Please ensure that all school resources (reading books etc.) are returned to school when normality resumes.

Thank you for supporting our procedures and for the positive feedback we have been receiving over the last few days.

Best wishes in this adventure – embrace the weeks ahead with determination and positivity!

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Wylie
Principal

