



# St Patrick's RC Primary School, Dipton

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*We follow in Christ's footsteps*

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Dear Parents and Carers

## **REMOTE LEARNING**

As you will be aware, from tomorrow (Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January), school will be closed to most pupils and we will move to remote learning. Daily lessons will be set via our online platform *Purple Mash*. Details of this are given below.

## **WHAT DOES REMOTE LEARNING COVER AND WHY?**

Our remote learning contingency plan ensures that we are able to switch between classroom-based learning and remote learning as seamlessly as possible, with the same subjects and lesson objectives simply being covered in a different format. Within our school curriculum, English and maths will be taught every day; this is reflected in the amount of English and maths work set for remote learning. In order to preserve the learning sequence, the lessons set will reflect whatever learning would have going on in the classroom at that time. As the school day would also involve some sort of physical activity, this will also form part of the daily home learning routine.

These arrangements follow the guidelines set by the Department for Education, which stipulate that the time spent learning should be an equivalent length to the direct teaching that children would receive in school. It is important to note that the lessons and activities set are not simply revision or 'holding' activities to keep children occupied; they cover the learning that children would, otherwise, be completing in school. It is, therefore, very important that children complete and keep up with the lessons at home, so as to be prepared for class learning upon their return.

Please note that remote learning is designed as home *learning*, not home *schooling*. Our remote learning opportunities are designed, in most cases, to be carried out, by children, independently. We recognise that many parents may be trying to work from home themselves and we certainly do not expect that parents are teaching their children. For most children, very little parental input should be required, other than ensuring that children log on to *Purple Mash* and, perhaps, for younger children, assisting with upload of work. We are realistic, however, and appreciate adult supervision will be required for some children to keep them on track. This will depend on the age of the child involved.

## **WHAT RESOURCES ARE USED?**

All lessons will be set through *Purple Mash*. New learning content will be introduced through quality, government endorsed, pre-recorded video lessons. (Links will be provided with the daily tasks). As well as these published video resources, your child will receive links, for some lessons, to pre-recorded videos of their class teacher introducing a concept. These videos will be played via YouTube. You may like to check your filter settings. Please ensure that you have selected 'Restricted Mode' selected from the drop-down menu from your Google account icon in the top right. You can also switch off playback of extra videos in YouTube. While a video is playing, select the 'settings' icon and then switch off 'autoplay'.

When formulating our remote learning plans, a conscious decision was taken to provide all worksheets in PDF (Portable Document Format), rather than Word or another editable programme. This allows inclusion for all as it means that the documents can be opened on any device. Please note that the maths work

does not require writing on the worksheets. In fact, we would encourage children to copy out and complete calculations and exercises in their homework books. Setting out and presenting work is a skill that we encourage at school.

### **DAILY HOME LEARNING**

- Daily work will be set via *Purple Mash*. Each morning, children will receive a notification with an explanation of the day's tasks.
- Each morning, a member of staff will post a daily introduction on the class blog. (This will show up as a 2Do notification in *Purple Mash*.) Please ask your child to post a "Good morning" message in response to register their 'presence'. Any questions or discussions about the day's work can also be posted here and a member of staff will respond as soon as is practicable. Children are also encouraged to help each other using this medium.
- At least three tasks will be set per day (English, maths and at least one other subject). These will not just be revision tasks: teachers will continue to move learning forward and introduce new concepts.
- The list of daily tasks will include links to any video resources. Any other resources (question sheets etc) will appear with a 2Do notification for ease of access.
- It is expected that your child completes the daily work set at home **on the day that it is set** and uploads it to 'hand-in' to their teacher. (Most children should be familiar with this but full instructions on how to do this are also included at the end of this letter.) Tasks will be progressive and will expire after two days, so it is vital that your child keeps up with the work set.
- Work will be marked online and, in order to ensure progress, feedback will be provided to children.
- Engagement in remote learning is not optional. It is expected that every child completes the daily tasks set, just as they would if they were in the school building. As such, we will challenge parents whose children have not completed their work.

If you have any questions or would like any support with accessing *Purple Mash*, please call the school office.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January, we will send out a short parental survey regarding our home learning provision.

Thank you for bearing with us as we navigate these difficult times together. As always, your children's safety and education are our priority.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards

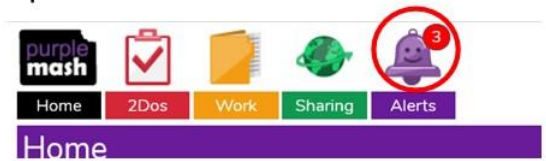
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Headteacher

Miss Parry  
Home learning lead

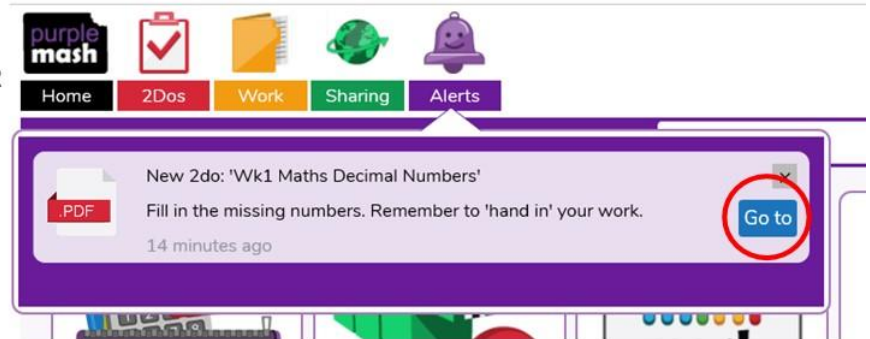
## Completing your Homework in Purple Mash

Your class teacher will tell you when you have homework.

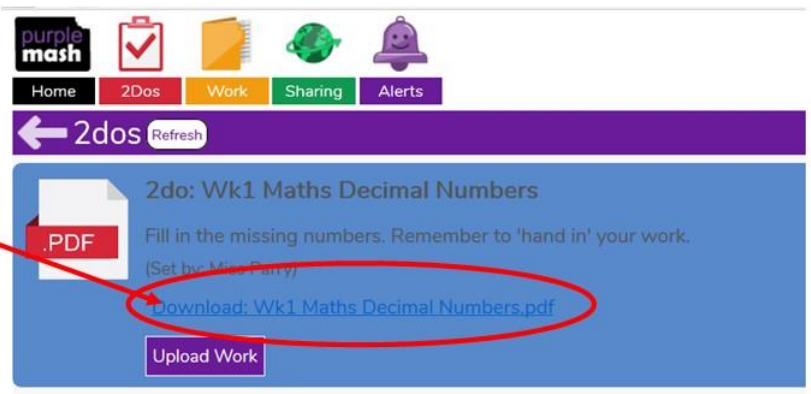
You will also see a notification on your purple alert bell.



Open your notifications and then click **Go to** to open your task.



Choose **Download pdf** to open your task.



Complete your homework task. (You can write your answers in your book or type them in a word document on your computer, or use the blank template in 2PublishPlus on Purple Mash to write your answers).

See the next page for what to do when you have finished your homework task.

## Handing-in your Finished Homework on Purple Mash

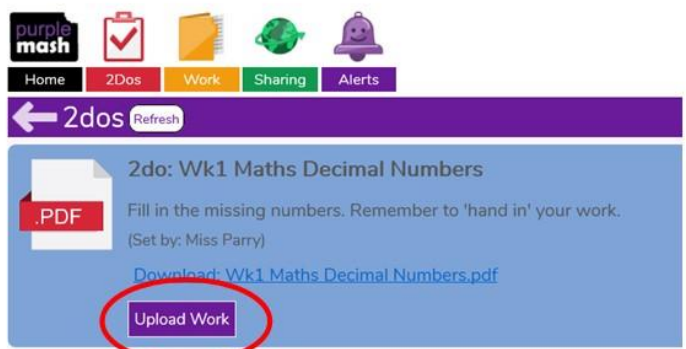
First of all, if you have written your answers in your book, take a photograph of your work.

If you have typed your answers in word, save your document on your computer.

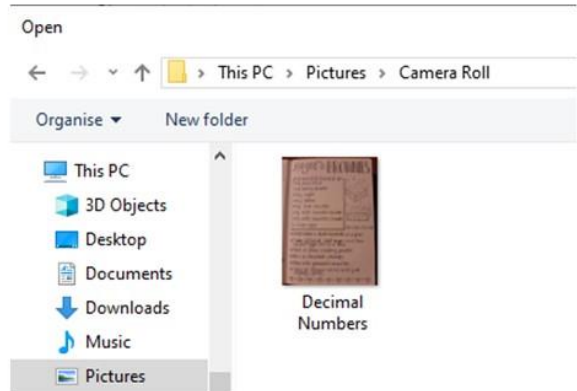
Then, select 2Dos from your menu bar.



Find the correct task and click Upload work.

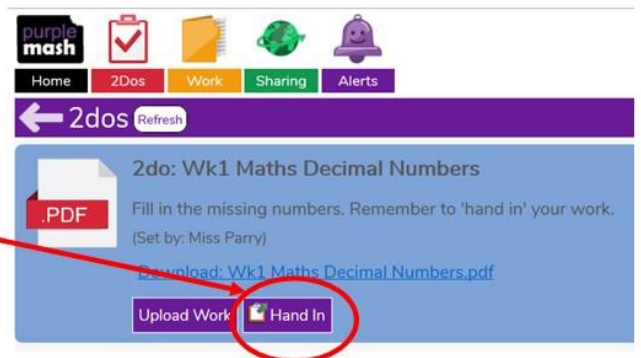


Find your saved work or photograph on your device and click it to upload.



Now a Hand In icon should have appeared.

Click this to hand-in your work to your teacher.



If you want to tell your teacher something about this work, type it here.

Click OK

