



Virtual school learning Policy and practices

Tankersley St Peters School will continue to provide every possible opportunity, through a virtual school environment, for our children to continue to learn as if the school were in normal operation. Our primary concern is that your child is happy, safe and well - we are here to support families as we navigate our way through this new way of living and working online.

Establishing a Virtual School Environment is a new venture for Tankersley St Peters and we are excited by the opportunities that it presents. Parents will understand that with all new systems and procedures there will be issues that arise. As always, we welcome parent feedback and suggestions to enable the School to continue to improve. We need to all pull together through these testing times and help each other.

Online learning within virtual classrooms will need pupils to be motivated and parents to support them in their studies. However, we believe that it will develop in all children the skills required for independent learning alongside the 21st Century skills to learn in digital environments.

Where will the home learning take place and how do I access this?

At Tankersley St Peters children and parents will be able to access a weekly year group home **learning grid** on the school website. <https://tankersleystpeters.org.uk/>

This grid will contain subject based activities for your child to engage in and will be made available each week within the home learning platform on the school website. There will be a new grid each week for each class.

Some of your child's learning will be set using our **Purple Mash** platform. If your child is in reception they will use the **Mini Mash** Platform. Parents have been sent these log ins from school. There is a link to the Purple Mash site from the home page of the website. Your

child can login to Purple Mash with their password and access the tasks they have been set via the 'To Do' section on the toolbar of the Purple Mash homepage.

Your child also have access to the **My Maths** online page which the school subscribes to. Each child has their own passwords for this and will be familiar to using it as homework. Learning will be set for children on this site to help with their maths.

Please remember to take time for reading – to listen to your child read and to read to them. There are lots of texts on the Oxford Owl website and the serial mash part of the purple mash platform, but nothing beats curling up with a good book 😊

Parents of younger children – you can help your child to learn their phonics (letter sounds) All 44 sounds are shown as pictures from our Read Write Inc. phonics scheme are shown in the spiral bound home diary that your child brings home in their book bag. Do these daily, using the separate sounds to build words e.g. W-i-sh = wish

Each class also has a **spelling grid** at the top of their home learning page for children to learn their spellings at home. Let your child practise writing the spelling then cover it to see if they can remember how to spell. Break longer words up into sounds and syllables.

Your child can use the **Times Table Rock Stars** which they can access to learn their times tables. It is also a way they can use to keep in touch with each other by challenging each other to times table battles. This is very important for all aspects of Maths so help your children to learn their times tables up to 12 x12 so they can answer quickly.

The home learning platform also contains other website links and useful resources for parents and children to access at home – see the list. The BBC also have a learning platform called BBCBitesize – you can search for this on google.

If you need support with your child's learning or help with passwords, then please contact us via the learning emails as below. Parents can contact their child's class teacher on the following emails:

Mrs Terrell -Nursery - virtuallearningnursery@tankersleysp.org.uk

Mrs Hartley - Rec - virtuallearningreception@tankersleysp.org.uk

Mrs Beevor and Miss Bennison - Y1 - Virtuallearningyear1@tankersleysp.org.uk

Mrs Chadburn and Mr Townsend -Y2 - Virtuallearningyear2@tankersleysp.org.uk

Mr Taylor -Y3 - Virtuallearningyear3@tankersleysp.org.uk

Miss Phillips -Y4- Virtuallearningyear4@tankersleysp.org.uk

Miss Hamilton -Y5 - Virtuallearningyear5@tankersleysp.org.uk

Miss Johnston -Y6 - Virtuallearningyear6@tankersleysp.org.uk

Whole school queries – virtuallearning@tankersleysp.org.uk

Teachers will respond to these emails regularly to support parents with the learning.

If there are any issues with communication then please do not hesitate to contact us on the whole school queries email above or through the 'contact us' box on the school website.

All classes also have their own **Twitter accounts** so teachers can share information about the learning and parents can tweet information back. This is another way of staying in touch with the learning. We encourage parents to share with us the wonderful learning children are doing at home. Please see the **Proud Thursday** sparkle and shine page where we share some of our children's special learning.

These Twitter accounts for parents to follow are:

Nursery [@NurseryPeters](#)

Reception [@tankersleyrec](#)

Year 1 [@tankersleyspone](#)

Year 2 [@tankersleyp2](#)

Year 3 [@tankersleyp3](#)

Year 4 [@class4Tsp](#)

Year 5 [@tankersleyp5](#)

Year 6 [@tankersleyp6](#)



Whole school twitter – [@st_tankersley](#)



We also have a school Facebook account. Search for [Tankersley St Peters Primary School](#).

Learning environment-based solutions to maintaining a Virtual School

Environment for safe working at the computer.

1. Balance your screen brightness with your workplace
2. Do not work in a dimly lit room, with a bright screen.
3. Try to be in a mid-lit room, with the computer screen away from a window.
4. Use a desk lamp to aid lighting within a room.
5. Change your display brightness within your computer's system settings.
6. Posture is key Working at a computer for any period of time should be well planned.
7. Sit comfortably.
8. Do not strain your neck.
9. Ensure that you stare straight at the computer, to make sure the monitor is at eye level.
10. Do not sit too close to the computer screen or device
11. Take frequent breaks, as an absolute minimum you should stand up and move around.
12. Stretch your body
13. Preferably get some fresh air and walk around outside.
14. Focus on other things within a room every 20 minutes

Working safely online

It is very important that children stay safe when working online. Please see our safeguarding and online safety policy and KEEPING SAFE blogs on the school website.

Parents please make sure you are always aware which sites your child accesses.

Parents – use CEOP (Child Exploitation Online Protection) website to update your parental knowledge about how to keep your child safe online

Ensure the device your child is using is monitored by you.

If your child is using social media, ensure you can access who they are friends with. Please note age limits for the use of the app or site.

You may wish to set parental controls. Please contact your broadband service provider re this.



Screen time solutions to maintaining a Virtual School Environment

Ensure all children have at least one physical activity every day

- Play sport
- Walk
- Dance to their favourite song

Listen to a story and read a book! - It is very important to hear stories and read together.

Remove television sets, iPads and other devices from bedrooms.

Reduce time spent watching television or playing on games consoles.

Ensure that all children get at least 8 hours sleep.

