

# Newbattle High School

## Headteacher Update

Week ending 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021



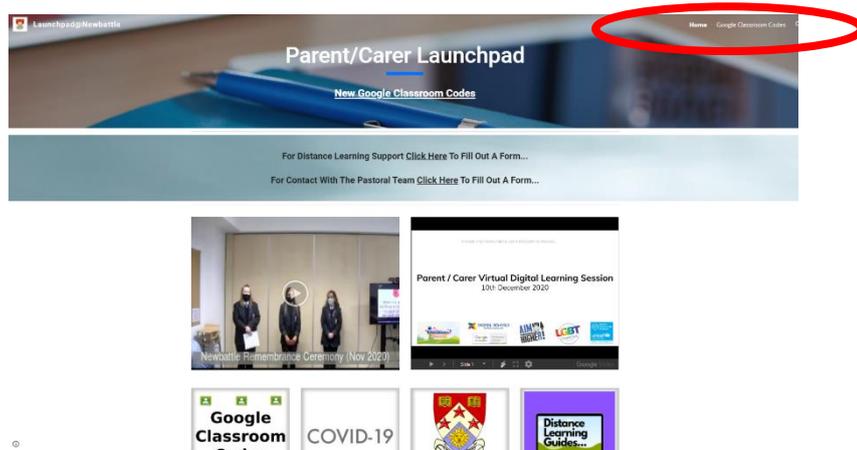
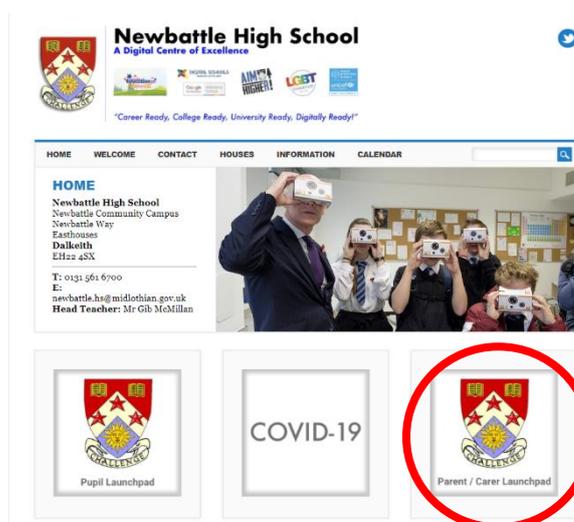
Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find below important information with regards to remote learning which will start from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### Remote Learning

A remote learning timetable has been produced and is attached. Work will be posted by teaching staff onto Google Classrooms and codes for each class can be found on the school website

(<https://sites.google.com/mc.glow.scot/parent-launchpadnewbattle/google-classroom-codes>).



If any S3-6 student is unsure of what column their subject is in, their teacher will be able to tell them but this information can also be found on the spreadsheet that lists all of the class codes. During each of the allocated times students should complete the work provided and at some point during these times support will also be available from teaching staff if required. Teaching staff will post the times that they are timetabled for support onto the Google Classrooms so students are aware.

There will be a chance for pupils to interact directly with their teachers live, at designated times. We endeavour to run live/recorded lessons, but only where appropriate. We will set up parent/carer help tutorials to run through for example how to access and work through Google Classroom. If you need technical support or help with Glow, Google Classrooms etc contact the school at [newbattle.hs@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:newbattle.hs@midlothian.gov.uk), [ewan.mccabe@mgfl.net](mailto:ewan.mccabe@mgfl.net) or [J.Mori@mgfl.net](mailto:J.Mori@mgfl.net).

Please also be mindful that our staff work extremely hard and are also balancing personal situations for example their own children's home learning.

See below for further advice for pupils and parents/carers, as well as technical support.

Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look over the Remote Learning timetable and highlight the times when you have a 'class'</li> <li>• These times are for <i>either working on the activities that you have been set on Google classroom (or Teams), or joining a 'live' lesson</i> with your teacher, or a <b>Google Chat</b> with your teacher and classmates. Your teacher will post days / times when they plan to do this</li> <li>• Make sure that you know which google class you are in and email your teacher if you are unsure</li> <li>• During the study times on the timetable you should continue with the set work and aim to have completed it within the timescale your teacher has given you</li> <li>• If you are unsure about any of the work, message your teacher on your online classroom (Google or Teams)</li> <li>• If you want to speak to your guidance teacher about anything you should email them on <a href="mailto:newbattle.hs@midlothian.gov.uk">newbattle.hs@midlothian.gov.uk</a> and it will be forwarded to them</li> <li>• At some point in the week someone from school will phone to check in with you and ask how things are going</li> </ul>
Technical Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chromebooks provided to pupils if required</li> <li>• Support families and learners in connecting devices to GLOW.</li> <li>• Support/Training of pupils/parents in the use of Google Classroom.</li> <li>• A video to support pupils on how to access their school email in GLOW is available on the school website</li> <li>• If you need technical support contact the school at <a href="mailto:newbattle.hs@midlothian.gov.uk">newbattle.hs@midlothian.gov.uk</a>, <a href="mailto:ewan.mccabe@mgfl.net">ewan.mccabe@mgfl.net</a> or <a href="mailto:J.Mori@mgfl.net">J.Mori@mgfl.net</a></li> </ul>
Parents and Carers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Remote Learning Timetable shows how the 'school day' is being divided up. This gives pupils guidance on what they should be doing and when, and approximately how long they should be spending on specific subjects. You could highlight the times when your young person has a 'class'. The timetable sent out via groupcall is also on the school website.</li> <li>• All pupils are in 'Google Classrooms' and 'Teams' for every subject they take which makes it easier for them to access their work. The times on the timetable are for <i>either working on the activities that have been set on Google classroom, or joining a 'live' lesson</i> with the teacher, or a <b>Google Chat</b> with the teacher and classmates. Teachers will post days / times directly to pupils when they plan to do this.</li> <li>• During the study times on the timetable pupils continue with the set work and should aim to have completed it within the timescale the teacher has given.</li> <li>• If you are unsure about any of the work, email the school at <a href="mailto:newbattle.hs@midlothian.gov.uk">newbattle.hs@midlothian.gov.uk</a> and it will be forwarded to the relevant person</li> <li>• If you want to speak to a guidance teacher about anything you should email them at <a href="mailto:newbattle.hs@midlothian.gov.uk">newbattle.hs@midlothian.gov.uk</a> and it will be forwarded to the House Team</li> <li>• At some point in the week someone from school will phone each pupil to check in and ask how things are going</li> <li>• Where possible events in the calendar will still go ahead remotely, eg. parents meetings, and details will come out via groupcall as appropriate</li> </ul>

### Devices

Newbattle staff have worked hard to ensure all learners who require a device for learning have one. We continue to offer devices to those needing one. You can apply for one by emailing [newbattle.hs@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:newbattle.hs@midlothian.gov.uk) or [digital.learning@mgfl.net](mailto:digital.learning@mgfl.net).

We understand the pressures and strains remote learning can produce so please use any school support necessary. Pastoral team members are still here to speak to any student wishing to do so.

Thank you for your kind words emailed and patience in this situation. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back as soon as we possibly can.

Newbattle Senior Leadership Team  
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