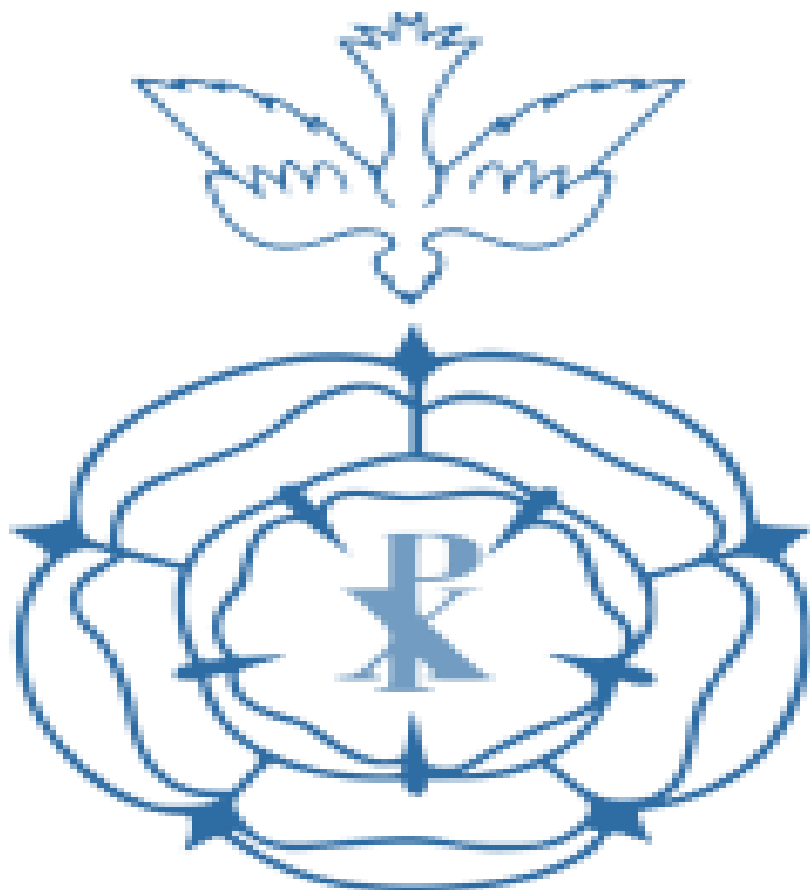


The McAuley Catholic High School and Sixth Form

Remote Teaching and Learning



A guide to parents

This booklet is designed to give an overview of how you can help and support your child with remote learning.

1. Introduction

As a committed body of teaching staff, we have been preparing for the continuation of the pupils' education in the event of school closures. This planning has become a reality, all pupils from Monday 23rd of March will be remote learning until further notice from the government.

Teachers have been working very hard to ensure that this enforced absence from school does not affect pupil progress.

McAuley will continue to provide education to pupils through remote learning packages planned and uploaded onto the school website under the Extended Learning link on the student tab, and through Microsoft Teams. Teachers will be providing feedback on work completed and engaging will pupils to support continued learning in these challenging circumstances.

2. Supporting Your Child

The most successful remote teaching and learning relies on effective support for pupils. The school will continue to provide education, but the following suggestions would help your child to benefit as much as possible.

- Pupils should aim to follow their own timetable as much as possible. Please ensure that you child is ready to undertake a normal days teaching and learning.
- We suggest that pupils engage with their remote learning in a calm place, where they can fully concentrate. Other technologies such as mobile phones, televisions and computer games should be set aside for the time focused on learning.
- While we appreciate parents will be interested in the work being done, please allow the pupils to complete the work independently with little guidance as would be the case in the classroom.
- Teachers who are using Microsoft Teams will have emailed the pupils an invite to join a team. This is where the subject will be setting and remaining in contact with their class. To access Microsoft Teams, learners simply;
 - ✓ Type in office 365 into google
 - ✓ Use their normal school email login username and password
 - ✓ Click onto Teams
 - ✓ Locate your class

3. Safeguarding

The safety of the pupils remains our top priority. We recommend that pupils use a computer or laptop to complete their set work with parental supervision.

4. Remote teaching

Many pupils are already familiar with the workings of Microsoft Teams. As with any software, regular use will assure familiarity, but in addition:

- ✓ Teachers have demonstrated Microsoft Teams to their classes
- ✓ Those pupils who have expressed an issue with this medium of remote learning have been provided with alternative learning packages.

If pupils struggle with the technology, please feel free to email their form tutor and ask for any assistance. All departments in school have been trained in using Microsoft Teams and will be happy to assist.

We will endeavour to provide the full curriculum as much as possible. Our commitment to pupils is to ensure that their learning is effectively guided and pupils are able to make continued progress.