

St. Joseph's Primary School eLearning Policy



What is e-Learning ?

This is learning that is made possible and supported through the use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in school and at home. Whatever the technology being used by the individual learner, it is at the core of the educational journey. Undoubtedly, eLearning involves engaging in a wide range of learning activities, both inside and outside school, including the use of ICT to support life-long-learning for families. Schools involved in eLearning use a mixture of familiar learning techniques and traditional methodologies combined with e-learning that is delivered entirely online.

What is a VLE ?

We will be developing the use of Virtual Learning Environments (VLE) in St. Joseph's. We are using the computer-based learning environment called 'My School' containing 'Fronter', 'Newsdesk' and Google Classroom run by C2K. The advantage of online learning means that it can be accessed from any computer with internet access in the world.

What is in 'My School'?

My School is an online tool that has some of the following features:

- communication tools (email, bulletin boards and chat rooms);
- collaboration tools (online forums, intranets, electronic diaries and calendars);
- tools to create online content and courses;
- online assessment and marking;
- controlled access to curriculum resources; e.g. Newsdesk, online educational videos and an area to store files.

eLearning in our school:

The school has a managed computer service supported by C2K which provides us with computers in every classroom, a number of high quality laptop computers and 10 iPads. Each classroom has an Interactive Touch Screen. We have a wireless network that allows children to access their individual documents, the internet and the local printer to support their eLearning skills development.

eLearning at Home:

If you have an internet connection at home, you child will be able to access My School and thus interact in a safe and controlled way.

eLearning with other schools:

It is hoped that through Fronter, Newsdesk and Google Classroom, online discussions with other Northern Ireland schools and our Shared Education partner schools will begin to develop and then links to schools further afield.