



e-Learning 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 learning, 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 lifelong 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 are currently in the early stages of developing a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) in Killowen Primary School. We will be using the computer-based learning environment called GSuite. The advantage of online learning means that it can be accessed from any computer with internet access in the world.

What is GSuite ?

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

- communication tools (email and GHangout)
- collaboration tools (GDocs/Slides/Sheets, GCalendar)
- tools to create online content and courses; (Gdocs,GClassroom)
- online assessment and marking (GClassroom)
- controlled access to shared curriculum resource areas to store files (GDrive, GClassroom)

e-Learning in our School:

The school has a managed computer service which is supported by Capita and C2K. This has provided us with Dell workstations in every classroom and a large number of laptop computers. Further to this, we have a computer suite which is fully furnished with more workstations and laptops. This is utilised for both curriculum use and ongoing assessment. We also have 2 iPads and an Interactive Whiteboard in every classroom. The wireless network allows children to access their individual documents. The internet and a local printer supports their eLearning skills development.

e-Learning at Home:

If you have an internet connection at home, your child will be able to access Google Suite and thus learn whilst interacting with other classmates enrolled in the same 'learning classroom' or 'hangout' in a safe and controlled way.

e-Learning Links with Other Schools:

Through GSuite, online discussions with other Northern Ireland schools may begin to develop, progressing to links with schools further afield. Developing such links will enable our pupils to gain a greater understanding of the PDMU and World Around Us areas of the Northern Ireland Curriculum.