



Holywood 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 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 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 ?

Over the next few years we will be developing the use of the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) in Holywood Primary School. We are using the computer-based learning environment called MySchool. This is managed by C2K and can be accessed by all schools in Northern Ireland. The advantage of online learning means that it can be accessed from any computer with internet access in the world.

What is MySchool ?

MySchool 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 and a number of high quality laptop computers. We have Interactive Whiteboards in all classrooms. We have a wireless network that allows children to access their individual documents, the internet as well as printers to support their eLearning skills development.

eLearning at Home:

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

eLearning links with other schools:

It is hoped that through MySchool online discussions with other Northern Ireland schools will begin to develop and then links to schools further afield. E.g Fronter Rooms. This will give opportunities to link with other schools regarding topics appropriate to the Areas of Learning in the NI Curriculum.

Information for parents:

Some parents may not be as confident in the use of computers or the use of Virtual Learning Environments. As the use of e-Learning increases in the coming years, our intention is to provide information to allow parents access to the same technologies as their children. This will allow parents to access:-

- C2K software
- MySchool
- BeeBots / Probots
- Digital Cameras
- iPads
- Other relevant technologies as they become available e.g. podcasting

It is important to note that in addition to the information in the eLearning Policy, reference should also be made to the ICT Policy and Acceptable Use of the Internet and Digital Technologies Policies.

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Hollywood Primary School will review, evaluate and update this policy when necessary.