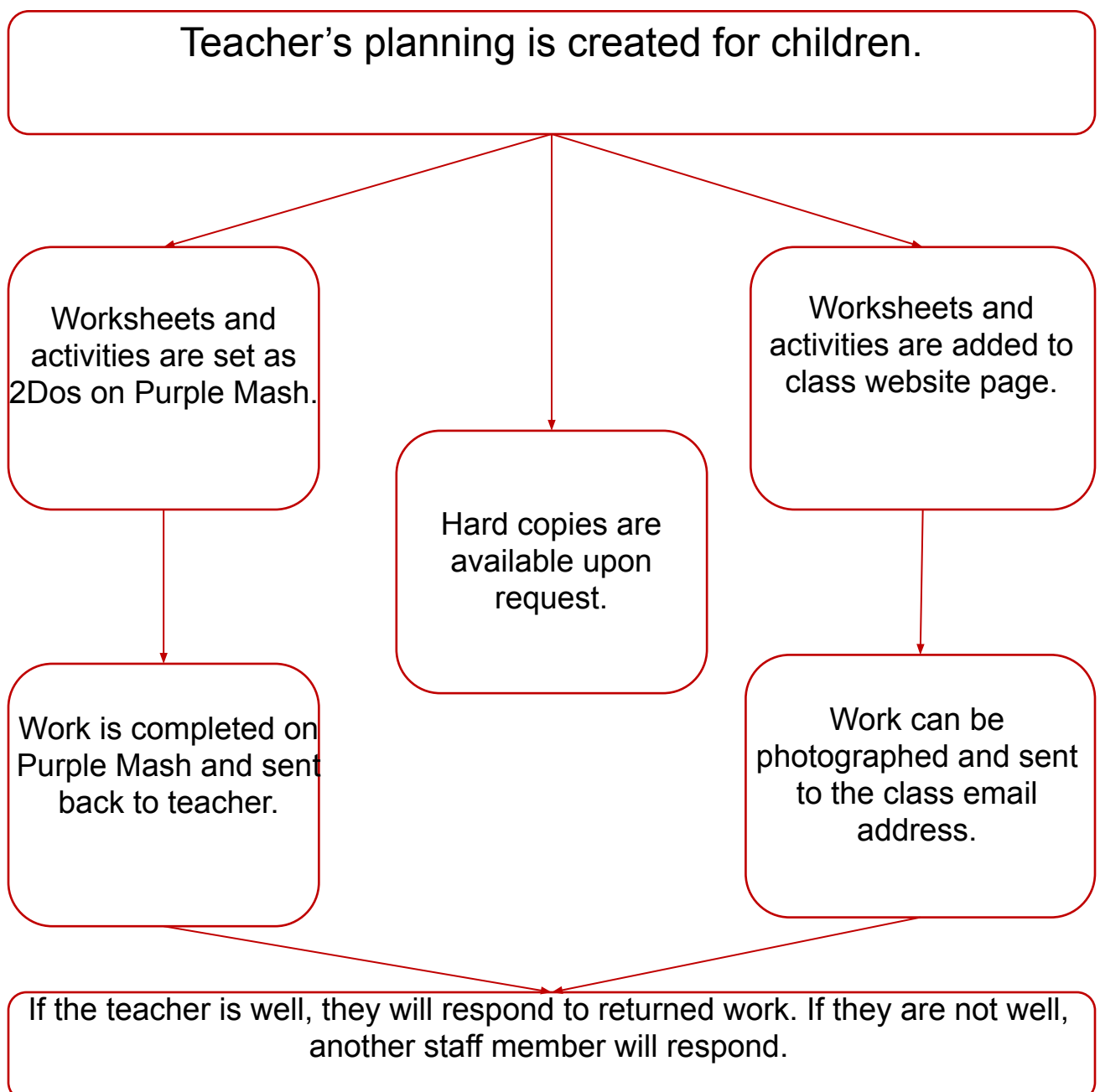# Whittaker Moss Blended Learning Guide.

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Your child's Return to School Date is:

What is Blended Learning?

Blended Learning is where children carry on learning at home using activities made and set by the class teacher. We have different ways that we are supporting Blended Learning:

Teacher's planning is created for children.

Worksheets and activities are set as 2Dos on Purple Mash.

Hard copies are available upon request.

Worksheets and activities are added to class website page.

Work is completed on Purple Mash and sent back to teacher.

Work can be photographed and sent to the class email address.

If the teacher is well, they will respond to returned work. If they are not well, another staff member will respond.

What to do if…

- **<u>I do not have a laptop or a tablet.</u>**

  - We can request a laptop for you from the council, but there are currently delays in getting technology to parents.

- **<u>I do not know how to log on to/use Purple Mash, White Rose Maths, Oak Academy and the School Website.</u>**

  - Follow the steps in this guide. If you are having further problems, get in touch with us. We will provide **a paper copy** of the work for the week if necessary. Just call us on 01706 342342.
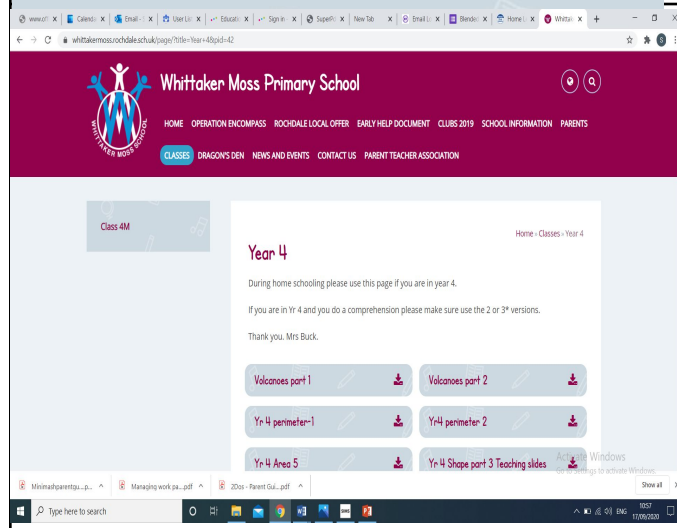
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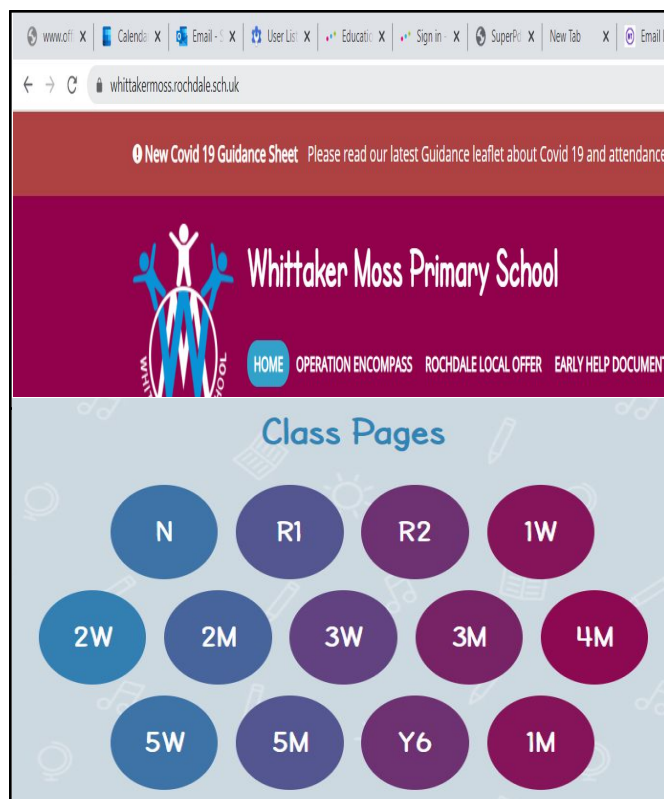
	1) Type www.whittakermoss.rochdale.sch.uk into the address bar of your browser (Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Safari etc.)
	2) Click on the class page button at the bottom of the home page.
	3) This will take you to uploaded activities to complete.
4) Click the links to access worksheets and teaching resources.	

How to use Purple Mash

Log in to Purple Mash by typing Purple Mash into the browser. Your child's log-in details are stuck in the front of their reading record. Make sure that you type Whittaker Moss as the school. Please read the information guides to using Purple Mash below: Mini mash is specifically for children in reception and nursery. There is a guide to using this below:

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child has access to Purple Mash, a whole world of fun and exciting learning opportunities in one safe place.

What is Purple Mash?

Purple Mash is a comprehensive suite of online learning tools and content, designed to be used by Primary aged children in the classroom and at home.
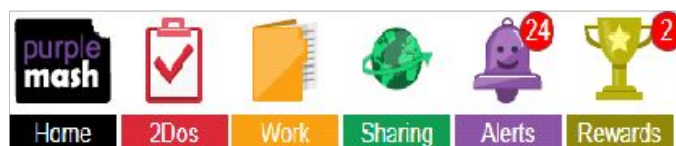
Find out more here: https://2simple.com/parents

What should you do first?

To begin with, it's a good idea to log in to Purple Mash with your child.
We suggest the following:

-**Familiarising** yourself with the menu icons.

-**Looking** at any set tasks that have been given to your child (2Dos)
-**Finding** out about Class Blogs and Display Boards accessible via the Sharing Icon
-**Exploring** the grammar, maths and spelling activities which match to the National Curriculum
-**Play** one of many fun, educational collaborative games such as 2Race
-**Delve** into the Science area and find out about all the areas of Science it covers
-**Investigate** the Topics area to support securing their knowledge of the wider curriculum
-**Tour** the Computing area trying out some of the tools such as 2Code, 2Go and Logo
-**Get** creative in the Tools section, from making an animation to building a printable 3D model
-**Dive** into Serial Mash (an online library of books)
-**Learn** through play in Mini Mash (For children aged 3 to 5).

If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Happy Purple Mashing

Managing work on Purple Mash: Parent guide

If your child opens an app on Purple Mash and creates a piece of work, then the default place for the work to save is in their 'Work' folder (accessible from the home screen.)

To save work your child can click the purple "hamburger menu" at the top left of the app and they can name the file. The default area to save is their My Work folder, but they can choose other locations.

They can choose to save to the class folder, but this *will be viewable by all members of the class and could be deleted* by anyone in that class.
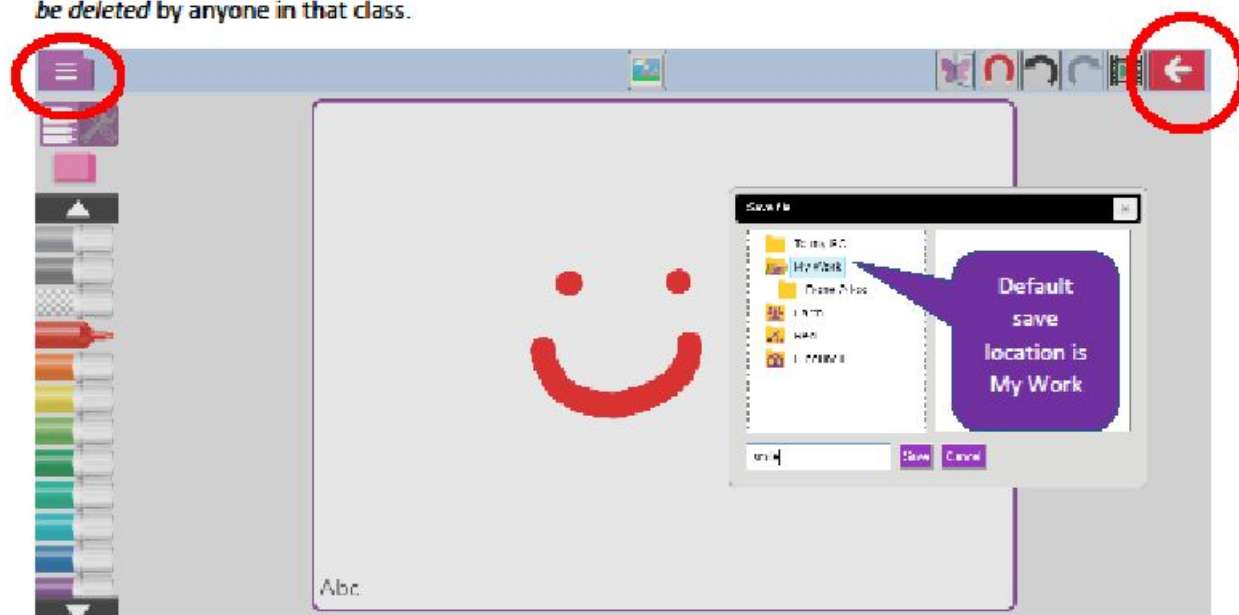
When you have completed a piece of work, then you can just click the red BACK button and this will give the option to SAVE and EXIT

You can see the work when you click on the My Work folder

Note that you can upload an external file, such as a Word document, by clicking Upload and choosing a file from your device.

If a piece of work is set as a 2Do, then it goes to the teacher when completed. When the teacher has filed the work, then you will see it in a sub folder of My Work in a folder called 'Done 2Dos'.

2Do's: Parent guide

Your child's teacher will often set tasks as a '2Do' to be completed. These are activities and tasks which your child can access either via the notification bell or by clicking the red 2Do icon at the top of the screen.

2Dos can have a 'due by' date (specified by the teacher) which you will be able to see in the 2Do menu. After the due by date has passed, your child will not be able to complete or hand in their work if they haven't already done so. Contact your child's teacher if they need an extension on the due date.
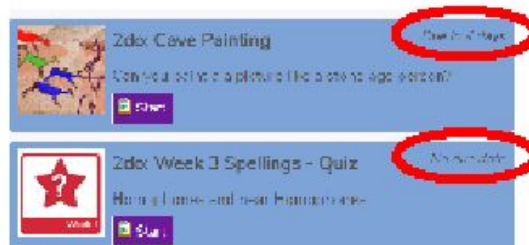
There are a variety of activity types in Purple Mash for children to complete. Many of them require children to create things like pictures, written work, posters or design games etc. If these activities are set as 2Do for your child, when they start it, they can stop at any point and return to the 2Do menu and complete another time using the 'continue work' button. Once they are happy they are finished with their work, they can 'hand in'. When they do this, they are prompted to leave their teacher a comment as to how well they got on. If they wish, they can record a voice message for their teacher to listen to, by selecting the red circle.

Some activities in Purple Mash have a *different hand-in procedure*. Quizzes, games and tests will automatically be handed in once completed. Their teacher is notified of this and can view scores and other relevant information about how well each child got on with the task. The examples below show the end of a spelling quiz and how it appears in the 2Do menu once it has been completed. It has an automatically generated hand-in comment and the child can open their work if they want to check what they have done.

Your child needn't worry about where to save their work when they complete a 2Do, it is stored in a temporary folder for their teacher to access, view and comment on work for the class collectively. When the teacher has finished checking all children's work, they will "close" the 2Do and each pupil's work gets sent to their Work folder, in a sub-folder named 'Done 2Dos'.

Mini Mash – a parents guide

Mini Mash is a platform designed for learners aged 3-5, where children can learn through play. Mini Mash is set out just like an early learning setting, mirroring the areas of learning which your child may be familiar with. This includes an indoor and an outdoor area, which you can access by clicking on the purple door. All these different areas, as in a real-life setting, are linked to the key areas of learning and development in early years.

As you move around the space, you will hear the children naming the different areas of learning. Within each area, you will find lots of different resources which should support most of the common topics covered in early years.

Areas inside:

Reading and Writing – By clicking on the teacher or the two children on the floor, your child will access activities to develop their reading and writing skills. They can create their own stories, practice their alphabet and sound recognition, and write words using their phonics skills.

Numbers and counting – By clicking on the boy with the blocks, you are taken to the maths area. Here, children can practice number recognition, record their counting on a variety of 2count picture graphs, and explore measuring.

Games – Clicking on the table, your child will find some different games linked to a range of early years topics.

Simple City – Clicking on the cityscape picture on the wall takes you to Simple City. Simple City allows your child to explore, discuss and ask questions about different areas in the community. Areas in Simple City include the vets, the garden centre, the zoo, the farm and many others.

Paint projects – Hanging from the ceiling you will see a variety of paintings which when clicked, take you to different paint projects where your child can experiment with coloured and textured pens. There is also the option for them to mark-make or write words if they wish to.

Please explore the outdoor area as well. More information about Mini Mash will be put on Tapestry.

Oak Academy and White Rose Maths

Please use the following link to access useful articles that will answer any questions you have about using Oak Academy:

https://support.thenational.academy/en/collections/2342140-for-parents

Please use the following link for information about using the White Rose Maths home learning videos:

https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/

Who can I contact?

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Mrs Backhouse: mbackhouse@whittakermoss.rochdale.sch.uk

Contact for any Safeguarding concerns

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