Blended Learning in the Exploratory Pathway

What does learning look like at school?

There is currently one class operating within the exploratory pathway for those students whose families wish to send their child in to school. The class is run by a rota team of staff, the staffing consists of mixed teams from the various exploratory classes to ensure that there is always a staff member in school who is familiar with each student and their needs.

The class access work set by subject teachers through the online application Showbie. They follow a routine set out by the teacher in charge that week. As well as this they also access discrete maths and English sessions which aim to involve all students, bearing in mind the wide range of learning needs within the group.

What does learning look like at home?

Learning at home is mainly set using the online application 'Showbie'. Lessons include a variety of formats including pre-recorded lessons with familiar staff, worksheets and PowerPoints they access through tablets/desktop computers and other online activities through the app. Students are set work to complete and staff are then able to also log on to the application and give 'live' feedback as students work through activities set.

The way students access this work is every much dependent on the group they are in and their learning needs. Some students access with minimal support from parents/carers such as helping them to log on and facilitating their work where as groups which students have more complex needs the activities are accessed by the parents/carers and then shared with their child.

Showbie also gives us the facility to communicate with parents regularly, asking if they require any other support. In some group, a class group channel is set up so that students and their families are able to communicate with each other in a safe space. Promoting social interaction and developing relationships through these continually testing times.

Where there is a preference for none technology based (due to families or students preference) home learning paper packs have been provided.