

Croft Community School Curriculum COVID-19 Response

Subject Area : Computing/ICT

What changes or adaptations have been made to your curriculum in light of COVID-19?

Whole School

During the Coronavirus Pandemic the role of ICT has become paramount in the schools ability to continue the learning of the students in our school.

All students already had email as a method of communication but this had its limitations with regard to the delivery of learning.

In response to the issue of remote learning the school deployed TEAMS as a whole school method of delivering lessons remotely through live lessons through TEAMS meetings or as a virtual depository for virtual resources and instructional videos.

Having TEAMS in place allowed us to remain connected to our students and it will continue to function as our remote learning platform for those students who for whatever reason cannot access the school site.

Secondary Curriculum Adaptations

Students in years 7-11 will still receive their usual allocation of Computing lessons. These will be delivered via the teacher visiting their form base with laptops/desktops allocated to students to minimise the sharing of resources. Where resources are shared they will be thoroughly cleaned after each session.

The content of the curriculum will be changed in response to the change in circumstances and needs of our students.

As students will need to be confident in their ability to access work remotely should the need to, the Computing/ICT curriculum has changed so that the first few lessons will focus upon teaching the students how to use TEAMS with confidence.

With the increase in the use of digital resources across all subject areas there will be further changes to the KS3 curriculum with the introduction of a skills based curriculum in Year 7 to increase the students' confidence in the use of software packages most commonly used such as MS Word, MS Powerpoint, MS Excel.

The skills of Year 8 and 9 students will continue to be developed via support in lessons.

Year 10 and 11 will continue to study Functional Skills ICT which will allow them to develop their software skills.

It is anticipated that the increased focus on software skills will support the students' use of ICT in their other subjects.

The KS3/4 Programmes of study remain in place and will be covered in years 8-11.