



## **Remote education provision: information for parents**

This information is intended to provide clarity and transparency to pupils and parents or carers about what to expect from remote education if National or local restrictions require entire cohorts or individuals need to remain at home.

For details of what to expect where individual pupils are self-isolating, please see the final section of this page.

### **The remote curriculum: what is taught to pupils at home**

A pupil's first day or two of being educated remotely might look different from our standard approach, while we take all necessary actions to prepare for a longer period of remote teaching.

### **What should my child expect from immediate remote education in the first day or two of pupils being sent home?**

All pupils were provided with a learning pack which we asked parents to keep safely until it was needed. This included reading, writing and maths activities and any resources necessary for their completion. During future school closures, learning activities will be provided via the individual schools on-line learning platform, such as Class Dojo, Eschools or Google classroom.

### **Following the first few days of remote education, will my child be taught broadly the same curriculum as they would if they were in school?**

We teach the same curriculum remotely as we do in school wherever possible and appropriate. However, we have needed to make some adaptations in some subjects. For example, we recognise that families will not have access to the same resources we have in school so adaptations have been made to practical areas of the curriculum e.g. Music, DT, Art.

Where this has been necessary we have considered the desired learning outcome and provided suitable home learning alternatives.

### **Remote teaching and study time each day**

#### **How long can I expect work set by the school to take my child each day?**

We expect that remote education (including remote teaching and independent work) will take pupils broadly the following number of hours each day:

We will set an average of a maximum of 3 hours learning a day for KS1 pupils and a maximum of 4 hours for KS2 across a range of subjects.

This will include daily reading (or phonics), writing and maths with at least one other subject, depending on the current programme of study.

There is no expectation that children focus for a solid 3 or 4 hour period and learning will be structured to include a variety of teaching approaches which may include a teaching input (live, recorded or video link) and an opportunity for the pupils to complete a task in response.

## **Accessing remote education**

### **How will my child access any online remote education you are providing?**

Tasks will be set and feedback to children provided through the school's on-line learning platform.

### **If my child does not have digital or online access at home, how will you support them to access remote education?**

We recognise that some pupils may not have suitable online access at home. We take the following approaches to support those pupils to access remote education:

It may be possible for the school to lend laptops to pupils and to enable an internet connection/ support additional mobile data.

Please let the school know if you require assistance with this.

Where children do not currently have access to digital learning at home, arrangements have been made to support learning through the provision of workbooks/worksheets. A follow up phone call will be made should staff be concerned about a pupil's engagement with learning to discuss the learning opportunities and any additional support/ challenge needed.

There is a daily opportunity to 'hand in' work, collect feedback on previous learning and future learning to be set, via the on-line system.

## How will my child be taught remotely?

We use a combination of the following approaches to teach pupils remotely:

Teachers will consider the most effective way to deliver new content and to support progress. These may include:

- live teaching (online lessons)
- recorded teaching
- printed paper packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets)
- textbooks and reading books pupils have at home
- commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences
- For younger pupils, particularly those in EYFS/ Yr1, lessons and learning will look different. We know that young children learn best through play and learn by doing, with an opportunity to talk. The good practice that exists within school will be developed to meet the needs of young children at home with less focus on live/ recorded teaching and a greater emphasis on talk and exploration.

## Engagement and feedback

### What are your expectations for my child's engagement and the support that we as parents and carers should provide at home?

You can support your child by:

- Accessing the school's on-line learning platform daily.
- Supporting your child/ren to complete their learning following guidance from class teachers.
- Assisting your child/ren in uploading photographs of any completed learning for teachers/staff to comment upon and celebrate.
- Ensuring that in any photographs or videos, children and their families are suitably dressed.
- Messaging class teachers directly if you or your child have any queries or need any additional support.
- Informing the school if there is a change in phone numbers or any contact details.
- Answering calls from the school if 'No Caller ID/withheld' shows on screen.
- Ensuring that you (or your child/children) do not share teaching resources beyond the school community. This includes not uploading teaching videos (full or in part) to social media sites

## **How will you check whether my child is engaging with their work and how will I be informed if there are concerns?**

We would like children to upload at least one piece of work, English, Maths or related to another subject, daily.

This will enable teachers to monitor the progress that your child is making and ensure that future learning opportunities are structured to meet their learning needs.

If you have requested a hard copy learning pack for your child, we ask you to take a screen shot of at least one piece of work, as above, daily. You may also return the completed pack to school and, after a 72 hour period of quarantine, may receive teacher feedback via the on-line system.

If your child is not logging onto the school's digital platform frequently and/or falling below the school's expectations regarding daily work, you will be contacted by phone to discuss steps that we can take together to ensure that your child is engaged and learning.

## **How will you assess my child's work and progress?**

Feedback can take many forms and may not always mean extensive written comments for individual children. For example, there are many effective and valid feedback methods, including whole-class feedback or quizzes marked automatically via digital platforms. Our approach to feeding back on pupil work is as follows:

- Staff will review pupil profiles on the on-line learning platform.
- Every piece of work that is uploaded will be looked at and teachers will comment as necessary.

## **Additional support for pupils with particular needs**

### **How will you work with me to help my child who needs additional support from adults at home to access remote education?**

We recognise that some pupils, for example, some pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), may not be able to access remote education without support

- The SENCO/support staff can support by phone.
- The Learning Mentor/Pastoral Manger can support as needed.
- Group/individual remote teaching sessions may be offered.
- 1:1 support focused on individual targets e.g Speech and Language.

from adults at home. We acknowledge the difficulties this may place on families, and we will work with parents and carers to support those pupils in the following ways:

## **Remote education for self-isolating pupils**

Where individual pupils need to self-isolate but the majority of their peer group remains in school, how remote education is provided will likely differ from the approach for whole groups. This is due to the challenges of teaching pupils both at home and in school.

### **If my child is not in school because they are self-isolating, how will their remote education differ from the approaches described above?**

The class teacher will share the week's learning plan via the schools on-line learning platform. If needed, a hard copy learning pack can be provided and school staff will continue to monitor outcomes and progress on an individual basis, requesting parents to contact school should further support be needed.