

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 where national or local restrictions require entire cohorts (or bubbles) 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

All classes have their own Google classroom page, with ideas, information and activities for each half term topic.

We also recognise that most of our children learn best with real, concrete resources and for this reason each class group will be providing physical learning resource packs for each child on a weekly basis, linked to the class topic. These will be posted or hand delivered to the home each week.

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

If you login to Google classroom there will be activities already set up. In addition teachers will send home home learning packs with activities that are tailored to your child. Class teachers will make weekly phone calls to talk through and provide additional support for anything you may need.

The school website has a Home Learning tab that provides a wealth of links for home learning support including online software websites, sensory learning activities and wellbeing support for parents and children.

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?

All our home learning is based on the curriculum that the class would follow in school. This will be linked to the term's topic. In addition we have put lots of ideas on our website for home based activities that you can do with your child.

Remote teaching and study time each day

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

Work at your child's pace.... and keep learning fun!

Most children work best in small chunks of time. It will be important to encourage opportunity for physical and sensory breaks in between work sessions.

Accessing remote education

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

Everyone has a login for Google classroom. This has been sent home in a letter, personalised to your child.

If you have forgotten or lost yours - please let your child's teacher know and they will send home the relevant details.

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

We can provide laptops for pupils and also switches if you need them. Again please let your child's teacher know.

Many of our pupils prefer real objects and activities to screen based work, which is why we make home packs and resources as part of our blended learning offer which we can deliver to your home.

We can provide switches and recording boards if these will be useful: again just let your class teacher know.

Please call and speak to your child's teacher if you have any queries or need any further support to help your child continue to make progress at home.

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

- Google classroom activities – these include symbolised resources and ideas for activities, links to websites and online activities to support the topic, videos of sensory stories, songs and musical activities
- Printed paper packs produced by classroom staff (e.g. workbooks, worksheets, symbol stories)
- Textbooks and reading books pupils have at home
- Commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences, Help Kidz Learn online resources
- Recorded teaching (e.g. Oak National Academy SEND lessons, video/audio recordings made by teachers)

Engagement and feedback

What can help with keeping your child interested in remote learning and how can parents help with this?

- Check in with what is on Google classroom
- Talk to your child about the key words and topic ideas
- Try out some of the fun activities on the website
- Let us know any help you may need e.g. reading with your child, play – we are always available
- Try and establish a routine and daily schedule for your child's learning, including opportunities for physical and sensory breaks. A little bit of work followed by a rewarding activity, several times a day, can be a good motivator for learning
- Remember that opportunities to develop social and emotional skills such as cooking, helping out in the house, self-care etc are all an important part of your child's education. Learning from home will give them a wealth of opportunity to develop these skills

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

We will continue with our Classroom monitor assessment system: if you have any photos of work your child has done please send them in and we will put them on the system. Also if you tell us what you have done in the weekly phone calls we can add this information in as well.

- All work that pupils send back to school will have feedback the same day.
- We always love to receive feedback from you and your child – please share any photos, comments, video etc with us via email or phone call.

Remote education for self-isolating pupils

If your child is self isolating the resources on Google classroom are always available and in addition class teams will make up workpacks.