



Remote Education Outline

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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

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?

Children will be set the timetabled learning via MS Teams. This will appear in assignments, labelled with the date to show the tasks set for that date and will follow the daily school timetable.

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 and we have not changed our planned curriculum end points within year groups. Children will follow the daily class timetable which will include subjects such as phonics, English, Whole Class read, Science, History etc. As far as possible this will also include subjects such as Art, and Design and Technology if resources permit for these to be accessed from home. We will encourage children to take part in PE and this will be set on MS Teams using the 'Lockdown Forest' materials from North West Leicestershire School Sports Partnership. We will send links to music activities for children to complete at home with conjunction with Leicestershire Music Hub.

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:

Key Stage 1	At least three hours of education will be provided throughout the school day. The amount of remote education provided will increase throughout Key Stage 1, as appropriate to age.
Key Stage 2	Remote education provided to students within KS2 will reflect the length of the school day and will be above four hours daily.

Accessing remote education

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

Staff will predominantly use MS Teams to set learning – all children will have a login in the front of their planner in order to access their daily tasks. This will outline the learning for the day, and include a weekly timetable for children and parents to follow. Teachers may also set learning on My Maths, Purple Mash and TT Rockstars (all logins are in the front of children's planners). Parents of children in EYFS will be encouraged to share their learning via Tapestry. Learning can be submitted through MS Teams where teachers will be able to evaluate and respond to the child.

Parents can make contact with class teachers by phoning the school office, emailing the teacher or sending a direct private message through twitter. Teachers will aim to respond as soon as possible.

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:

If you have any concerns at all about how your child will access remote education please contact the school office immediately so we can help you. We have a limited number of devices which we are able to loan for use in the home. If there are concerns regarding internet connection or mobile data we can also support and help with this. If you do require printed materials because you don't have online access please let the school office know so we can support you and arrange for these to be collected. We are also able to support you if your child is not able to submit their work online and can show you how to do this.

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

Live teaching: online sessions will be scheduled on MS Teams. There will be a notification of the day and time of the meeting and children can join this meeting a few minutes prior to the lesson. Live teaching will be adapted so it is suitable for all abilities and age ranges within the class. All children will have some live teaching as part of their weekly curriculum experience.

Recorded teaching: recorded videos of narrated powerpoints, modelling of writing and other examples will be uploaded as assignments on to MS Teams for children to watch. These will include clear explanations of new content by the class teacher or support staff. We also use Loom to record teaching explanations – these will be uploaded as a link for children to watch.

Other resources which may be used may include links to **White Rose maths videos**, links to **Read Write Inc phonics videos** and links to **Oak Academy Resources**. All of these links and corresponding tasks will be uploaded to MS Teams as part of the daily timetable.

Within a lesson, all children will have the opportunity to work independently within a sequence of learning and to use feedback from staff to help to develop their independent skills and learning.

We may also use paper based resources which are produced by both the school and commercial providers to support the sequence of learning.

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?

We work in partnership with our families and staff will continue to contact parents to check everything is going well with remote learning. Please let us know by speaking to your child's class teacher or contacting the school office if you have any concerns at all about how you can support your child with their remote learning.

In-line with previous communication with all parents we expect children to access their remote education daily and we are providing a varied daily curriculum against our whole school curriculum map. Please let us know if your child can't access remote education on any day (because, for example, they are unwell or because of an issue accessing online platforms).

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

We will check daily that children are engaging with remote education. Through MS Teams we are able to see who has viewed tasks, completed them and anyone that has not managed to access their learning.

We are aware that many families may be completing work at different times to fit around working parent schedules and our timings of tasks allow for this. The School Office are likely to contact you first, as they would for any absence from school. Depending on the situation, your child's class teacher may also contact you to see if any help or support is needed so your child can engage with remote education.

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, whole-class feedback or quizzes marked automatically via digital platforms are also valid and effective methods, amongst many others. Our approach to feeding back on pupil work is as follows:

Our approach to feedback in terms of remote education aims to mirror the types of feedback your child gets in school. When your child submits their learning on MS Teams, staff will then respond and give feedback on the task as they would in school. This will include verbal whole class feedback on work and next steps, individual verbal feedback and written next steps on selected pieces of work.

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 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:

Class teachers, the SENCO and teaching assistants (where relevant) will work with families on an individual basis so that the individual learning needs of students can be met.

Learning is differentiated for different learners so that all children are able to access it.

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?

Because class teachers will mainly be delivering education to those children physically in school, work set for students self-isolating is unlikely to include live teaching sessions. However, class teachers will share a wide range of resources for children to access at home during any self-isolation. These resources will follow the class and year group curriculum, and learning will continue to be set through MS Teams on a daily basis to ensure that children self-isolating do not get behind in their learning.

Your child's class teacher will make contact at least weekly during self-isolation to support learning. Because periods of self-isolation are often quite short your child's class teacher may ask them to bring work they have completed on paper at home into school with them when they return to class so their work can be assessed, following the school feedback policy.