



Dear parent/carer,

Remote Learning Plan – Reception to Year 6

As you will be aware attendance at school is now compulsory, and yet we live in a time where children may be absent from school due to self-isolation or class bubbles having to close for 14 days. If this were to happen, the Government has asked that all schools come up with a plan for remote learning and supporting parents at home.

The plan to be put in place is for any child who cannot attend school because of COVID-19 and therefore, does not miss out on their learning.

Very soon we will be sending more details about our plans for remote Teaching and Learning for children who have to self-isolate, or where local or national restrictions mean that children need to stay at home. These plans will detail exactly what Remote Learning will look like, links to the school website for Help Guides and Information videos, curriculum links and useful information when Working from Home.

Remote Learning for the Early Years will be slightly different but even children in Reception they will be able to join in with aspects of the learning, through online videos, activities and the class teaching programme will have activities that will reflect the 'learning through play' approach to the Early Years curriculum as well as phonics, letter formation and numeracy activities.

What if my child is ill but has NO Coronavirus symptoms?

If your child is ill, and not well enough to be in school, you must follow the usual attendance procedures of informing school and your child returning once well enough to do so.

What if my child has got Coronavirus symptoms?

In the meantime, if your child has one of the four Covid symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature, loss of taste and/or smell) then you must keep your child at home, inform school and arrange for a test. If during this period of time you feel that your child is well enough to access home learning, then children can use the work pack sent, practise their spellings, maths basic skills, reading for pleasure.

However, if your child is poorly with these symptoms, then they do not need to complete work.

What if I have been contacted through Track and Trace and have to self-isolate for 14 days?

If this is the case, please inform school and remote learning will be put in place for your child. If a child does not access the online learning or work packs put in place, we will treat this 'nonattendance' as we do so in school and a phone call home will be made. It is important that children in this scenario continue with home learning, so they don't get left behind.

What happens if a year group bubble has to self-isolate?

Home learning will continue, and instructions will be sent to explain tasks where appropriate.

Opportunities to get together to do live group sessions, teaching and story sessions are also being looked into, using 'video' facilities via zoom. However, we will continue to explore other, more appropriate platforms for the children, to allow an improved blended learning approach overtime. Again, this will be tailored around parents/carers, who need to work from home as well, but it will be an expectation that all children will log on and access the work. Again, under the attendance system that we currently run, with non-attendance, phone calls home will be made to ensure children are keeping up with the schoolwork.

Of course, we are aware that some families may not have access to the internet or devices that they can use at home, in this case, we will resort to work packs for the children.

We also understand the huge pressures that families are under at the moment and as long as we keep communication open between home and school, we will support you in whatever way we can. Our children, their safety, their health and their education is the most important thing to us all, and by working together we will get through this together.

Our remote learning plan

Our remote learning plan will consist of:

- How many hours a day children will be expected to be learning
- Timetable flexibility
- recording and live-streaming lessons, and how children will access these
- What learning resources will be provided, and how children will access these
- How much contact with teachers' children will have – how often, for what reasons and how it'll happen
- How children will receive feedback, and how often
- Links to online resources
- What you will need at home
- Examples of what your child may need:
 - A device that can access the internet, such as a laptop, desktop computer, tablet or
 - Smartphone
 - Notebooks, pencils, pens. The school can provide these for children if required
 - Preferably, a quiet space where children can work without interruption

If your child does not have any of the above, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can help support you.

Please be reassured that we will provide printed resources where pupils do not have suitable online access.

What we expect from your child?

It is important that your child engages with home learning. The school will be sending a timetable for children and it is important for establishing a good routine that they keep to their timetable (similar to emails sent during lockdown).

If they are not engaging with the learning, we will use the following strategies to provide additional support:

- A phone call home
- Increased feedback

What you can do to help?

We appreciate that if this situation arises, it may present some challenges for you. We kindly ask for your support so that we can continue to provide high-quality education for your child during this time.

Younger children in particular may need support in accessing online materials and staying focused with their remote learning. We ask that you help them as much as you can.

At the same time, we don't expect you to watch your child all day, and we wouldn't expect parents/carers to get involved in remote lessons in place of our teachers. But, it would be really helpful if you can take an active role in your child's learning by asking them about their day and what they've learned.

Our top tips:

- Try to encourage your child to be ready and dressed for the start of the school day, and to keep to their timetable. In some instances, the timetable will be flexible, but establishing and sticking to a routine is important, much like a normal school day
- Distinguish between weekdays and weekends, and make it clear when the school day is over, to separate home and school life
- Plan breaks and exercise into the day to help keep your child active
- Please keep in touch with us and do let us know if you're having any difficulties with remote learning, or if you have any questions. You can contact [name and contact details of appropriate staff member].

I would like to assure you that we recognise that there is no perfect solution to remote teaching

and learning. In the event that children need to work from home, we are keen to work with you to provide the best support that we can and will aim to help you to the greatest extent in continuing your child's education at home. Please bear with us as we plan and probably need to adapt to a new way of working, which we are certain will provide the best quality of education for your children, if they need to stay at home.

Thank you for your continued support.

God bless and keep safe

Mrs Gamble

Headteacher