

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 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?

Pupils will have access to online work through Satchel One (formally Show My Homework). The work set would cover the lessons pupils would have had if they were onsite. Pupils also have access to the TGAT Moodle that has a wealth of remote learning resources. In the instance when a pupil cannot get online, paper resources would be provided.

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?

Yes, the usual curriculum and timetable will be implemented after the school has had time to react to the closure of school / cohort bubbles. Pupils will have live online lessons via Microsoft TEAMS, following their usual timetable with some adaptations for certain lessons such as Physical Education. Learning for these lessons would still be provided, but it may not be in the format of a live lesson, rather it would be work set for pupils to complete independently.

Remote Teaching and Study Time

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

We expect that remote education take pupils broadly the same number of hours it would if they were in school onsite. We would ensure that pupils have a break from their screens every hour of up to ten minutes before the next lesson started.

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

Your child will be invited to lessons on Microsoft TEAMS. They will need their school email address and password to access this.

Your child will also need to have their Satchel One log in (formally Show My Homework).

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

We will endeavour to lend laptops and internet dongles to pupils who have no device at home.

If there is no device in the home, we will also send paper resources in the post for your child to complete. We will include a self-addressed envelope for you to send completed work back to your child's teacher.

How will my child be taught remotely?

Your child will predominately be taught via online live lessons.

Your child may also be taught via pre-recorded lessons on the TGAT Moodle. They may also be set tasks to on Satchel One and MathsWatch.

Your child may also be directed to complete work on national platforms such as BBC Bitesize

In some subjects, pupils will be sent home resource packs to complement the learning online.

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 expect pupils to attend all of their live lessons.

We expect pupils to complete all resources sent home.

We expect pupils to complete all tasks set by teachers.

Parents should encourage their child to engage in their learning fully, liaising with the school if they are facing any difficulties.

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

The class teacher records attendance at live lessons and the school will contact you if your child has not attended live lessons.

In the event that your child cannot access learning online, resources will be sent home along with a self-addressed envelope for your child to return their completed work. If we do not receive this work, the school will contact you.

If the class teacher notices that your child has not completed additional tasks, they will also contact you.

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

Your child's progress will be assessed regularly through a variety of forms such as online quizzes to extended pieces of writing.

Your child will receive whole class feedback on a weekly basis.

They will also receive more formal, personalised feedback on scheduled, assessed pieces of work. Per half term, your child will receive this three times from English maths and science, as well as all 6th form subjects, and twice a half term for all other subjects.

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?

Pupils with an Education Health and Care Plan will be contacted in the first couple of days that they are sent home from school / the school is closed to ascertain any additional support you / they may need.

Additional support such as weekly check-ins and help and guidance navigating the work set is available from our Achievement Team. If you feel you need this at any time, please contact the school.

Teachers will differentiate online / paper resources appropriately.