

REMOTE EDUCATION PROVISION
2020-2021



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?

We will contact parents as soon as we know they are not able to attend school to discuss requirements and inform parents of what work we will make available through Seesaw but parents are also offered a hard learning pack of prepared work if they find this more manageable. Teacher checks pupil engagement and learning completed on Seesaw and this is followed up by phone calls home if we perceive help is needed.

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, areas such as the computing curriculum and aspects of the music scheme of work.

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:

Primary school-aged pupils	4 hours a day on average
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Accessing remote education

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

We use Seesaw with Year Three to Year Six. All parents have user names and passwords.

We also have our pupils access online learning packages like Doodlemaths, TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed.

If families need a device to support the remote learning, we can loan a school laptop.

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:

- We have a small number of laptops we can lend to pupils – please contact the school office if you need support in this area. These will be prioritised for our pupil premium children.
- Printed materials can also be provided if this is more suitable – please let us know and the class teacher will liaise with regards to sending this and also arranging for it to be collected for marking when appropriate.
- A member of our staff can also make telephone calls to encourage and support engagement with home learning.

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

We use a range of approaches to teach pupils remotely.

Examples of remote teaching approaches:

- recorded teaching (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons, BBC bite size, video/audio recordings made by teachers and also any we use to supplement the lessons, like White Rose maths teaching videos)
- live link-ups using MS Teams
- printed paper packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets)
- reading books pupils have at home or school can supply
- commercially available websites and software supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences – for example we buy in Doodle maths, TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed software to support the children's learning
- project work and/or internet research activities linked to our subject schemes of work

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 all pupils to engage with our remote education –Seesaw supports us with this as it gives an overview of each child and their daily work that is submitted.
- Parental support is invaluable for setting routines to support their child's education – we provide a suggested timetable but understand parents need to be flexible if they too are working from home.

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 pupils' engagement with remote education on a daily basis – this will be the class teacher or partner year group teacher or TA if the class teacher is based with their class.
- We will contact parents and carers if a child is not engaging with the work set to ensure they can upload it.

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:

- Seesaw enables staff to acknowledge work and provide written feedback where the piece of work lends itself to this – which is how we mark work in class.
- A mark scheme will be provided with the work set in order for your child to check their own work before submitting it (e.g. Maths) and this is part of our class system in school.

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:

- Mrs Eve and Mrs Sedar along with the class teacher will work with families to deliver remote education for pupils with SEND if they are not in school. Children with EHC will also be supported by their teaching assistants to follow their programs of learning.

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?

If your child is waiting for test results and this is only a couple of days we will email you to discuss the required work for your child. We will email you links to the websites we are using to support short term remote learning which includes Oak Academy and BBC Bite size in addition to our Doodle software which already supports home learning.

If individual pupils are self-isolating they will be taught a planned and well-sequenced curriculum with meaningful and ambitious work each day in a number of different subjects, including providing feedback. We will either email or send home hard copies of work – this can then be uploaded to Seesaw so that the class teacher can respond.