

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?

This work may consist of worksheets, workbooks or narrated PowerPoint presentations.

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, some of the practical subjects will not be on the timetable due to the nature of the subject. Subjects such as PE and Motor Vehicle Maintenance have been adapted to support remote delivery.

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	N/A
Key Stage 2	3 hours
Key Stage 3, 4 and 5	4-5 hours

Accessing remote education

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

Online remote education and therapy will be delivered via Zoom.

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:

- Laptops can be loaned by those pupils who require a device to access home online learning. Please contact the school office for more information.
- If a pupil does not have online access to materials or printing facilities in the home, work packs can be provided and delivered/posted to the home. Please let your class tutor know.
- If a pupil does not have online access to submit work, this can be photographed and emailed back to tutors or posted.

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

- live teaching (online lessons)
- live 1:1 tutorials
- recorded teaching for example through Oak National Academy lessons or White Rose Maths or narrated PowerPoints made by teachers
- printed paper packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets)
- textbooks and reading books sent home
- commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences, for example White Rose Maths
- some use of long-term project work and/or internet research activities

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?

Pupils are expected to attend Zoom sessions however we recognise that this can be challenging for some of our pupils.

We expect that parents will support their children where they can to attend online provision and complete work set by teachers. We acknowledge that parents may be working from home or supporting siblings. We appreciate that not all work will be completed or returned. There will be no consequences to this. We ask that parents contact school if there are any problems or they need support with pupil wellbeing.

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

Pupil engagement is monitored constantly and should the school have concerns welfare phone calls will be carried out to support the family. A quality assurance process is in place to monitor pupil participation.

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:

Regular group and individual feedback for those attending the Zoom through questioning.

Individual tutorial sessions for KS4 accreditation subjects.

Marking of work sent in and verbal feedback given or written feedback via an email to parents.

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:

This is an intrinsic part of our provision but in addition to this we provide:

Regular contact and support,

Opportunities for therapy and wellbeing Zooms

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?

This work may consist of worksheets, workbooks or narrated PowerPoint presentations which supports and follows the work carried out in class. There may also be opportunities for pupils to Zoom into their lessons in school.