

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?

Students will be set work by the teachers they would have had on those days. This work will be either set through Microsoft TEAMS or on the school email system (log in details for both are the same).

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?

- Your child should follow their normal school timetable during the school day
- 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, we are not currently delivering PE session (except in the case of GCSE PE). Also in some practical subjects we have had to modify lessons.
- We have also removed tutor time from the school day, but a thought for the week will still come from the Head each week

Remote teaching and study time each day

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

Your child should still have 5 x 1 hour lessons a day. These lessons will be made up of live teacher delivery (where possible) lasting between 20-30mins and then students will have self-study which will be directed by the teacher for the remaining time.

Accessing remote education

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

Live lessons will be delivered through Microsoft TEAMS, work may also be sent through the school email system.

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

Please contact your child's Head of Year to discuss issues. We have a limited number of electronic devices which we are able to supply and may also be able to offer other solutions.

How will my child be taught remotely?

The vast majority of lessons will be 'live' lessons delivered by the subject teacher over TEAMS. These sessions will allow students to interact with the teacher. Staff will set students task to complete after a 20-30min input session. This may be a worksheet, an assessment or some further research.

In some cases staff will not be able to deliver 'live' lessons, for example if they are unwell themselves. In this case staff are expected to set cover work for classes.

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?

Your child is expected to attend all 'live' lessons. We know that in some households with limited number of electronic devices this may not be possible, in this case all lessons are recorded and students should catch up on the work at a suitable time.

You can support your child by ensuring they are ready to learn at 9am each morning and provide them with a quiet place to study where possible.

If you need additional support please contact the relevant Head of Year.

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

We will monitor attendance to live lessons and track the work completed by students. If we have issues you will be emailed/phoned by staff to share their concerns.

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

The school will follow its normal feedback policy. It is not possible for staff to give detailed feedback on all work completed by students. Staff are likely to use a mixture of online assessments (programs such as Microsoft Forms and SENECA will be used) as well as written work submitted by students.

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, most students will be contacted by the SEND team to provide tailored support.

Remote education for self-isolating pupils

Where individual pupils need to self-isolate but the majority of their peer group has returned to school, work will be sent home through the school email system. This will be for all lessons they would normally have on their timetable and will match the work being covered in lesson.