

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 during this latest National Lockdown.

The remote curriculum: what is taught to pupils at home

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 aim to follow the EYFS curriculum focusing on the important skills of phonics as this will support both reading and writing. However, we will need to make some adaptations in some of the areas of learning. For example, in maths where children do not have the concrete resources available at home, activities may be adapted.

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 will receive approximately 2 hours of adult led or directed learning a day and the rest of their learning time will be child-initiated learning as it would be in school. We will be delivering a teacher led lesson between 9.30am and 10am every morning via TEAMS, you will then need to complete a follow up activity with your child at home.

There will also be additional daily learning to cover other areas of the EYFS curriculum in your classes TEAMS folder. Detailed learning activities for the week will be available in a weekly labelled TEAMS folder.

Accessing remote education

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

You can access your child's remote learning via their folder in Teams.

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. If this is the case, please contact Mrs Badham so she can discuss with you whether it is appropriate for the school to lend you a laptop or iPad.

If lending a laptop or iPad is not appropriate the school will facilitate printing the work for the child and arrange for collection or delivery – dependent on circumstances. This is likely to be for 2 days work at a time. When new work is delivered/collected, the previous work can be returned.

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

- joining the children for teacher led learning every morning at 9.30 am followed by a task to complete at home.

- recorded teaching – these may be lessons recorded by Oak National Academy or video recordings created by our teachers.
- Websites with individual accounts
- PowerPoint presentations
- printed paper packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets)
- reading books
- commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences

Reading

We will be sending home book bundles for the children to read at home. These books will be available from Wednesday 6th January and will need to be returned to school in two weeks' time on Thursday 21st or Friday 22nd January. We will not be able to reissue books until books have been returned to school and quarantined. If books are lost they will need to be replaced as we have a limited stock. We will endeavour to issue books according to your child's need and phonic progression however they may be given a familiar book to practise with.

In addition to our live lessons, we will allocate you a 15 min time slot, which will be sent via TEAMS, so we can hear your child read. This will be trialled during the first two weeks of remote learning.

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?

- Children should complete all tasks given to them in the time requested
- Children should make themselves available for the daily live sessions and their reading slot
- Parents should monitor the child's work to ensure it is of high quality.
- It is expected that the activities will be completed with adult support as this is what would happen in school.

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

- Online work will be marked or checked regularly. Children will be asked to show some of their work during their reading session for general feedback.
- It is our expectation that all children will engage with remote learning, where this is not the case we will contact you to discuss any issues or difficulties you may be experiencing.

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

Feedback will take the form of verbal and written feedback or comments made via digital platforms.

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 will aim to tailor the activities to meet the needs of the children and their interests. In early years, we believe that quality education comes from quality adult interaction. We recognise the vital role that parents play in this for example, by introducing and explaining new vocabulary, teaching social skills (such as sharing) and life skills (such as using knives and forks). We will endeavour to provide a range of exciting and engaging activities. Children learn best when they are following their own lines of enquiry, exploring and investigating the world around them.