

## **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.

This guide should be read alongside the MNSP Remote Learning Policy.

### **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.

**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 will teach the same curriculum remotely as we do in school wherever possible and appropriate. However, we will need to make some adaptations in some subjects. For example, PE will be suggested activities for children to complete at home independently along with some links to online fitness ideas.

Children will have daily English and Maths lessons, along with suggested spelling, grammar or handwriting activities and times tables / number facts activities. Younger children will have daily phonics sessions provided. Children are expected to read daily.

Children will have a daily wider curriculum lesson. This will be based on the curriculum each class would normally be learning in

school.

## 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:

Early Years	On average over a week these children will be provided with 2 hours remote learning per day.
Key Stage 1	On average over a week these children will be provided with 3 hours remote learning per day.
Key Stage 2	On average over a week these children will be provided with 4 hours remote learning per day.

## Accessing remote education

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

We will use Google Classroom to set daily learning. Children/parents will be notified of tasks on a daily basis a link which will guide your child through their whole day of learning with all necessary links and resources embedded.

#### Early Years:

Children in Reception are sent work on a weekly basis via Weduc messaging system. It covers a range of curriculum areas and includes links to websites and suggested resources that are easily found in the home. This allows parents to plan how they want to do these tasks over the week. Parents send feedback and photos to teachers via Weduc at least once a week and teachers respond with praise, strategies to support and challenges to move the learning on. Paper activities are also available for families if they require them.

Staff who are not in school teach phonics and maths through google meets with individual children or in pairs. They also read stories and use these sessions to ask questions to check on comprehension and develop vocabulary. These meetings are recorded. Speech and Language activities continue either online in this way or at school along with EHCP and SSP targets where possible.

Our school website will include lots of additional information for parents throughout the Covid-19 pandemic:

[www.westfieldprimary.com](http://www.westfieldprimary.com)

When expected to join a live session your child will be sent a link to a Google Meet through email or Google Classroom. This will be a secure link that should not be shared with anyone else. Where possible these will be at the same time each day / week and will be timetabled to avoid siblings being in live sessions at the same time.

Parents do not need to download any new apps to access live sessions.

From time to time children will also be sent videos of pre-recorded lessons. These will again be included in the Google Classroom or sent via Weduc.

Please remember, if at any point a parent or child is concerned about something they have viewed online they should report it immediately to the school and if appropriate to [CEOP](#).

### **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:

If your child is struggling to access online learning due to a digital access difficulty then please contact the school office or your child's class teacher through Weduc so that we are aware of the nature of the difficulty and can do all that we can to support and help. The help we are able to offer will depend on the nature of difficulties and resources available to us at the time.

- We may be able to lend your child a school chrome book.
- We may be able to give you access to an unlimited-data SIM.
- We may be able to apply for increased mobile data or 4G routers.

Teachers will ensure that no work is set that requires any resources to be printed. Children are asked to complete their work and return via their Google Classroom. Staff will then provide feedback on the work submitted.

## How will my child be taught remotely?

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

- Google Classroom
- live teaching (online lessons)
- recorded teaching (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons, video/audio recordings made by teachers)
- Google meets (Reception)
- textbooks and reading books pupils have at home
- commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences
- Online reading schemes and libraries
- Instructional daily slides with activities and tasks provided and explained

## 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 children to engage in the remote learning each day.

The class teachers will explain what learning should be returned within the Google Classroom each day and it may be that not all work will need to be uploaded.

We endeavour to make the daily learning as accessible as possible for children to access with minimal support or instruction from parents at home. This is because we recognise the challenges for parents with more than one child at home and / or are working from home. The inclusions of written, recorded or live instructions support children to be as independent as possible.

We expect parents to encourage their children to do their best.

We ask parents to support children to establish a daily routine that fits around everyone in the household and to help as necessary with setting up digital devices for the day. Some children will need parental support to upload their work to their portfolio each day or to log onto live links. Please support your children to join in live sessions as they are an opportunity for the member of staff to 'touch base' with your child and also to support with instant feedback on learning difficulties.

We expect parents to contact us if they or their child are struggling so that we can offer support and guidance. When children are struggling, class teachers may suggest key learning to prioritise such as phonics and reading.

Older children can use Google Classroom to message their teacher if they are finding an aspect of the learning challenging. A year group teacher is available throughout most of every day to respond with help.

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

Teachers will keep a daily and weekly checklist showing who is engaging and to what extent they are engaging. Teachers will also track who attends the live sessions.

All staff in Reception keep a log of their Google meets so that the Team leader can monitor the learning of all children. Weekly Team meetings are used to address any issues or concerns.

In the first instance of a concern over engagement, the class teacher will contact the parent either through Weduc messaging or with a phone call. If the child continues to struggle to engage a member of the Senior Leadership Team will make contact to discuss our concerns and further ways school could support the child.

## 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:

- Written feedback on set pieces of work throughout the week, sent as comments
- Verbal feedback through live support
- Weduc communication
- Teachers will track general achievement based on the work, which is returned in the Google Classroom. The nature of this will depend on the subject and task. It is not possible for a teacher to be certain the extent to which a child needed support from a parent and so the information is a guide only to inform planning when the class return to 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:

- Parents of pupils with SEN will be contacted by the SENCO to plan how we will support their child.
- Many children with SEN will be invited into school as they will be classed as 'vulnerable' pupils
- Work will be differentiated to include opportunities for all pupils. Pupils will be directed to the correct level activity to access.

- Where pupils are attending school, interventions will be delivered within school as far as is possible with available staffing. These will include precision teach, speech and language and 1:1 reading
- Where children receive support from an outside agency, the school will arrange for this support to continue either in school or remotely
- For younger pupils who may need support from parents, we will ensure the daily activities are clear and that the class teacher is available for questions via Weduc.

## 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?**

The class teacher and Senior Leadership Team will make regular contact with you to help us understand your situation and how we can best provide education for your child through these circumstances.

Generally, the class teacher will send a daily set of learning based on the day's learning in class. This will allow the child who is shielding to keep pace with the whole class but without increasing teaching workload.

The EWO may also contact the family to offer their services and support.

If the child at home is struggling or they are not engaging, we will act in the same way as outlined above to support.