

St. Wilfrid's Catholic (VA) Primary School and Nursery



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In the event of a local or national lockdown, the school may be required to close to all children except key worker children or partially close to some children, and we want to ensure you and your child understand know what to expect from remote education if your child needs to learn from home. Where your child is self-isolating, they will be provided with remote education for the period they are off – information regarding this provision is also included in this document.

The remote curriculum

- If the school is required to shut to most pupils at short notice, we have provided Home Learning workbooks for the children to use in connection with their remote learning. These books are kept in their reading folders or at home. (Distributed in the Autumn Term)
- If your child is isolating they will be sent work from their class teacher via email or Seesaw. If you are unable to access this, then school will provide a hard copy within the 1st day of being absent from school. (By post or by hand)
- Your class teacher or school office will contact you at least once a week but please feel free to contact the school office at any time for support by either telephone (01942 707101) or email enquiries@ashtonsaintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk
- Our school will continue to provide the same curriculum at home as we do on the school site
- Due to the nature of some activities in some subjects, we have made amendments to some subject activities, e.g. ceasing science practical lessons.

Remote teaching time

- Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils will receive 3 hours a day on average, with less for younger children. These children will be contacted via Seesaw with daily recorded videos and weekly overviews from the 'Home learning section' on the school website which will be updated ready for the start of each new week.
- Key stage 2 pupils will receive 4 hours a day. These children will have morning and afternoon contact with their class teachers daily via Microsoft Teams. Contact will be at the beginning of the day and in the afternoon. Each class will be able to access their class overview via the 'Home learning section' on the school website which will be updated ready for the start of each new week.

Both key stages will be able to submit their completed work via Seesaw and shared activities during the Teams live contact. Each key stage will have the expected level of work and timetables will be on their weekly overview for both parents and children to follow.

Remote learning approach

Remote learning is delivered in a variety of different ways, including the following:

- Live online lessons (Microsoft TEAMS in the junior class contact 2/3 times a day)
- Recorded lessons (video/audio recordings made by teachers) Infants and Early Years will use the platform SEESAW.

- Printed paper packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets) White Rose maths books will be delivered to every child not in school to complete alongside their maths lessons.
- Textbooks and reading books pupils have at home
- Commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences – St Wilfrid’s will be using Oak Academy, BBC, CENTURY, TT Rockstars, My Maths, Oxford Reading Buddy, IDL (Children will be provided with passwords in their Home learning books to access all of these sites.)

Feedback

In order for us to provide the best remote learning, we will continue to provide constructive feedback to ensure pupils are meeting the correct standards in their learning. We will use the following methods to ensure your child is learning efficiently and effectively:

- Whole-class feedback or quizzes marked automatically via digital platforms are also valid and effective methods.
- Asking pupils to submit work for marking at the end of the day and returning feedback of work via digital platforms (SEESAW)

Accessing remote education

We are providing remote education on the following platforms:

- Microsoft TEAMS
- Seesaw
- Century
- Tapestry

We understand that some pupils may not have suitable online access at home. The following approaches are implemented to support pupils to access remote education:

- We will lend laptops to pupils if needed on request of parents. (a formal agreement will be signed and retained until the laptop is returned)
- We will issue or lend devices that enable an internet connection. (e.g. routers or dongles - a formal agreement will be signed and retained until the router is returned)
- Packs will be printed and provided for children who cannot access any printed materials. (No internet or printers – or parents have a preference to a hard copy)
- Children can submit work to their teachers through their home learning books and work sheets if they do not have online access. (All children are able to take photographs of their work and submit it via SEESAW on mobile phones.)

If your child does not have access to the necessary technology for online learning, please contact the school on 01942 707101 or email enquiries@ashtonsaintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk

Pupils with additional needs

Our school recognises that some pupils with additional needs, e.g. pupils with SEND, may not be able to access remote education without the support of an adult at home. In order to support these pupils, we will work with you to ensure they are able to access a high-quality education in the following ways:

- Our SENCO will get in touch with you if your child has SEND and not attending school.
- We will ensure pupils are provided with regular check-ins with their teachers via telephone and Seesaw.
- Bespoke and specific work packs will be provided to ensure school is meeting your child/rens needs.

We encourage you to get in touch if you believe your child may struggle or is struggling with accessing remote education.

Remote education for self-isolating pupils

In the case that your child is required to self-isolate due to having symptoms of coronavirus or through being a close contact of someone with a confirmed case of coronavirus, remote education may differ to what they would receive if the school were to close. These pupils will have the following support put in place for them:

- Pupils will initially be provided with a Home learning workbook until their class teachers have organised remote learning for them. This will be sent to the family via email on the first morning of isolation.
- If parents are unable to access the learning remotely then a learning pack will be provided and either hand delivered or posted to the family as soon as possible. (Within 24 hours)
- Seesaw and parentpay will also be a communication platform with the school and class teacher.

Contacting the school

We will provide you with all the details you may need when contacting the school while your child is learning from home. When contacting the school via Microsoft teams or seesaw, here are four important things both you and your child need to remember:

1. When on a video call, sit in a suitable area, e.g. a living room with a neutral background.
2. When on a video call or video, wear suitable clothing.
3. Understand that staff may not always be able to help, but they will try their best.
4. Remember to act in the same manner as if the school were open.

Additional information

Additional information you need to be aware of includes the following:

- The school will provide you with all important contact information for key members of staff, including your child's teachers and the school office for any issues or support.
- Any concerns regarding the safety of your child should be directed to the school's designated safeguarding lead. (Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Melling)

- Your child will not be penalised for their non-attendance during this time but we do require your child to engage in their remote learning.
- Teachers will monitor work completed to ensure your child is still completing set work.

Supporting your child's learning

Top tips for supporting your child while they learn from home:

- Keep to a routine as much as possible so your child knows what to expect.
- Keep active – ensure your child is getting enough exercise and incorporate this into their daily routine.
- Use different methods to assist learning, e.g. online programmes and documentaries.
- Examples can be found on the school website

For younger children, you can:

- Incorporate learning in make-believe play.
- Play educational games with numbers or letters and read together.
- Involve them in things you are doing, e.g. chores, cooking/baking and talk with them about it.